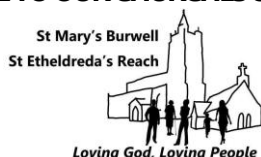


## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



17th August 2025 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### THIS WEEK

**Collect:** *Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

**Readings:** Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

### **Hymns:**

MP189 God is working his purpose out

MP143 Fight the Good Fight

MP132 Father hear the prayer we offer

MP201 Guide me, O though Great Redeemer

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Mon** 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

**Wed** 10.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court

**Thurs** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

**Frid** 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch at St. Mary's

**Sat** 9.00am Village Green Prayers

### SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

### YOUR PRAYERS:

- Lord Jesus Christ, you speak to us of heavenly things, even when we are most interested in earthly things.

Speak to us in the night-times of our lives, that we may learn the Way and the Will of your Holy Spirit.

- We pray for all people in places across the globe where there is ongoing unease, destruction and war and in particular for the people of Gaza and the wider Middle East at this time of fear and uncertainty. We also continue to pray for the war in Ukraine. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering. Guide those with the power to make decisions and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation, that people of good will seek harmony and reconciliation. We pray for aid workers who are struggling to get food and medical supplies into war zones.

- For the work of organisations helping families around the world to overcome poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest, and there is high risk of famine including: Myanmar, Haiti, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria, DRC, South Sudan.

- For students and teachers during the holidays. May the summer provide them with fresh opportunity, rest, and relaxation ready to begin new adventures in September.

- As extreme weather conditions affect the world, we pray for God's creation, that we work harder to make the necessary changes to our lifestyle in order to safeguard and protect the integrity of all life. For governments and organisations to be prepared to take urgent action.

- As harvest time approaches, we pray for farmers and all who work on the land, and produce, sometimes in very difficult circumstances, the food that we all need to survive.

- For all those struggling in today's difficult economic situation. May adequate immediate provision be made available, and support to find longer term solutions, so that everyone has their basic needs met for food, shelter, employment and security. For national and international governments as they tackle the economic and social issues which affect them. May those in authority act with wisdom and justice to bring greatest good for the greatest number of people.

- For our leaders as the Diocese continues the process of choosing a new Bishop of Ely. For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, Virginia, Kevin & all in leadership. For our work with children, young people and families, including Refresh Café, Messy Church and Connect Café. For those involved on the teams, and for all who come along.

- For young people who have just received A level and BTEC results, and those waiting for GCSE results this week. Whether the results bring joys or disappointments, anxieties or celebrations, that all may know they are precious and unique, loved by God, in the challenges and opportunities ahead.

- For those who are unable to meet with us, who are now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey and Vi.

- For those living in:- Green Lane, High Street, Lime Close, Mill Close, Mill Lane, Saxon Drive, School Lane, Wild Acres (Burwell), Swaffham Road (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Janice, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie D, John D, Joanne, Pam C, Michael (Ysanne's brother), Jackie L, Sue A, Daphne, Hilary, Paul (Alison K's friend), Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter), Jessica and Judie.

- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Enid Suttle, Isabel Lucas and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

### FOR YOUR ATTENTION

\* Following the **recent vandalism** in St Mary's, we have kept the church locked. We would like to re-open during the daytime for two-hour sessions, with teams of two volunteers in the building. If you would be happy to volunteer for this, please let Jo Proctor know. We will then publish opening times. Thank you.

\* **Donations of 'Back to School' stationery items**, and colouring books for pre-schoolers, will be delivered to HMP Whitemoor on Weds, 20 August, so that child visitors can receive them in good time. Many thanks for donations made so far, and more will be very welcome, Paula.

### PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Eleanor or Paula with messages about pastoral news, needs & concerns, requests for prayer.

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