

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



21st September 2025 – 14th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Readings: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

Hymns: MP 428 Lord for the years

MP 509 O Lord, the clouds are gathering

A&M 361 For the healing of the nations

Show me how to stand for justice (Tune MP 746)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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We hope to live stream the 10am service on Facebook

3.00pm Café Church and Baptism in Reach

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

1.00pm-4.00pm Church Open Day at St. Mary's

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 28th September 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Eilidh to be baptised on Sunday, and for her nurture in the Christian faith as she grows up supported by her parents, family, godparents & the Church, that she may know that she is loved by God, and would grow in faith, hope and love.
- for our friends at Trinity Church, as they prepare for the closure of their church.
- Today is International Day of Peace. Prayer for the Holy Land by Archbishop Hosam of Jerusalem. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls. By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- We pray for all people in places across the globe where there is ongoing unease, destruction and war. We continue to pray for the war in Ukraine. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering.
- We pray for world leaders and those in positions of power. May they work for justice, peace, and the dignity of all people, especially the poor and marginalised. May they seek to serve rather than to be served.
- 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.

- **Season of Creation Prayer 2025:** Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become—from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves. We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ, who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships—with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation. Prince of Peace, through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world. Through your resurrection, make us people of hope—with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labour for your peace—a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.

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

- For those living in:- Blossom Close, Montford Close, Ravenward Drive, New Road, North Street, Old Lode Court, Toyse Close, Toyse Lane (Burwell), Ditchfield (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, Paul (Christine's husband), and Tony.

- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Sylvia Carter, Mike Swift, & for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* The **Open Day** at St. Mary's is next Saturday 27th September. Volunteers will be needed. There are lists at the back of Church for those able to help.

* If you are planning to attend the **Celebration Service** for Trinity Church on 18th October, please sign the list at the back of church, to save sending multiple emails.

* If anyone has **balls of wool** they no longer need the Knit and Natter group would be pleased to have them and they would be used to make warm items for the Christmas Shoe boxes. Please let Pat L or Ann B have them. Thanks.

PASTORAL CARE

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