

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



19th October 2025 – 18th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

Hymns: All our blessings, all our joys

MP 446 Lord thy Word abideth

MP 908 O Lord, hear my prayer

MP 1183 Holy Spirit living breath of God

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am All Age Service with Baptism at St. Mary's

Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service this week.

2.30pm-4.30pm Open Day at Reach

(4pm Harvest songs & prayers)

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 26th October 2025

10.00am Thanksgiving Service & Gift Day at St. Mary's

4.00pm Quarter peal of bells to be rung (till 5.00pm)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Eden to be baptised on Sunday, and for her nurture in the Christian faith as she grows up supported by her parents, family, godparents, sponsor and the Church, that she may know that she is loved by God, and would grow in faith, hope and love.

- As our screens show scenes of hope and joy, as the world longs for peace, we prayerfully focus on the glimmer of light shining from the Middle East. We pray for the people of Gaza, who still live and move among the wreckage of war. We pray for the hostages who have endured two years of captivity, and for the families welcoming them home. We ask God to pour healing love and patience into lives undergoing such huge changes. We pray for those who are grieving or wounded, and those who have been displaced and traumatised.

- We also 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.

- For all who are grieving and afraid, following the attack on the synagogue in Manchester, that all may be able to worship in freedom without fear.

- We give thanks for the beauty of our world. We pray for people whose lives are destroyed by floods, heatwaves, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural occurrences. Help us to care actively for this world, to take responsibility for looking after it rather than simply using and abusing it. We pray that world leaders, local governments and communities work together to protect our common home.

- 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.

- We give thanks for the gift of community, a place where we can connect, support, and encourage one another. We pray for unity, understanding, and love among all members. Help us to see each other as your children, and to treat each other with kindness and compassion. We ask for your protection and blessings over our community, that we may flourish in your love and peace.

- For the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Sarah Mullally – for grace to fulfil this challenging role, for wisdom, discernment, humility and courage. For our leaders as the Diocese continues the process of choosing a new Bishop of Ely.

- For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, 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 our friends at Trinity Church, that they might find fellowship, support, spiritual homes & places to worship.

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

- For those living in:- Appletree Grove, Broads Road, Chestnut Rise, Dyson's Drove & Foley Bridge, Factory Road, First Drove, Grantchester Rise, Howlem Balk, Mason Road (Burwell), Fairgreen (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), Tony, Sue E. after her operation.

- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Sylvia Parker, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* A letter has been sent by email about next week's Thanksgiving Service and Gift Day. Please prayerfully consider your response. There are spare paper copies at the back of church, if you would like prefer one.

* We've had a lovely thank you letter from Ely Foodbank for 46.2kg, equivalent to 110 meals. Thank you everyone.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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