WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



16th November 2025 - 2nd Sunday before Advent

THIS WEEK

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.Amen

Readings: Malachi 4:1,2a, Luke 21:5-19

Hymns: MP 237 Holy, holy, holy

Safeguarding hymn Ally Barrett (Tune Dim ond Jesu) MP 1157 The Communion Hymn (Behold the Lamb)

All are welcome

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's We hope to be able to live stream the 10am service on Facebook.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bell ringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Sunday 23rd November 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- 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 also continue to pray for an end to 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.
- 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 elect, 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 those who are unable to meet with us, who are now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey, and Vi
- For those living in:- Anchor Lane, Chandlers Court, Hatley Drive, Kingfisher Drive, Myrtle Drive, Silver Street (Burwell), Blackberry Drove (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), Steve D, David K.
- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Sylvia Parker, Brian Wallace and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- Tony T, would like to **thank everyone** for their prayers and good wishes after his recent operation.
- **Congratulations** to Ena Hendry celebrating her 80th birthday today (Sunday).

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Eleanor or Paula with messages about pastoral news, needs & concerns, requests for prayer. Revd Canon Dr Eleanor Williams 01638 741262 vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

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