

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



18th January 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

THIS WEEK

Collect: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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: Isaiah 49:1-7 John 1:29-42 (at 8.30am)

Hymns: MP 79 Christ whose glory fills the skies

MP 1201 Longing for light, we wait in darkness (Christ be our Light)

MP 664 The Spirit lives to set us free

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Joint Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Mary's

2.00pm-3.00pm Quarter Peal on St Mary's Bells

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 25th January 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- In this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray for unity among Christians and reconciliation in the world; for Christians of all denominations working together for the glory of God and the building of his Kingdom.

- Lord Jesus, you received from the Magi gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. As we begin a new year, may we offer up to you the gifts of our hearts and minds, and offer to you all that we are, knowing that all gifts come from you.

- for all in regions where there is war or unrest; for those displaced or caught up in violence, and for all who work for lasting peace. May world leaders be guided to act with integrity and concern for the common good as they make decisions and implement policies that affect many lives. 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.

- We 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 the peoples of Gaza and Israel, that a stable and lasting ceasefire plan may be secured. We pray for the people of Gaza still struggling to access food, water, medicine and shelter.

- 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.

- 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 living in:- Bunting's Crescent, Bunting's Path, Carter Road, Garden Court, Hawthorn Way, Martin Road, Orchard Way, Westhorpe (Burwell), The Hythe (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Janice, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie 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, Stephen (Boppo), David K. Brenda.

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

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Thank you** from Brenda B for prayers. She is getting on well.

* **Virginia's Institution** will be held at Dullingham church at 7pm on Tuesday 3 February. The organisers would like to have an idea of how many people to expect. Please let Kathy know on administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk, or sign up on the sheet at the back of church. Further details about transport to follow on Sunday.

* **A Deanery Confirmation** service is planned to be at St Mary's on Sunday 26th April 2026. Preparation will begin in the New Year for anyone interested in being confirmed at that service. Please let Eleanor know if you are interested.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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