

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



**1st February 2026 – Candlemas
(Presentation of Christ in the Temple)**

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Readings: Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

Hymns: Carol Book 9 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

MP 1201 Longing for light

MP 125 Faithful vigil ended

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at St. Mary's

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bell ringing 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

2.30pm Farewell Tea at the Day Centre
for Sue and John Evans

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 8th February 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

3.00pm CentrePeace 20 year Service at St. Mary's
(followed by refreshments)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- O Lord Jesus Christ, as a child you were presented in the Temple and received with joy by Simeon and Anna as Redeemer of Israel: mercifully grant that we like them, may be guided by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge and love you until the end of our lives

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

- We pray for a just outcome to the peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. May there be an end to the suffering of so many people who have been forced to live in fear, insecurity and hardship.

- 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 Sarah Mullally – for grace to fulfil this challenging role, for wisdom, discernment, humility and courage. For the newly announced Bishop of Ely, Rt Revd Sarah Clark.

- 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 Virginia, as she prepares to start in her new role as Rector of the Raddesley benefice

- For those preparing for baptism or confirmation this year, and for all who accompany them. May the Holy Spirit guide, strengthen, and inspire them.

- For those living in:- Bayfield Drive, Bewicks Mead, Burghley Rise, Felsham Chase, Holkham Mead, Kentwell Place, Melford Close, Old School Close (Burwell), Great Lane (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, Evelyn Mackender and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Congratulations** to Ian Harris who celebrates his 80th birthday this Friday (30th January).

* **Virginia's Institution** at Dullingham church at 7pm this Tues. 3 Feb. The Coach will be leaving St. Mary's outside the main gate, at 6pm sharp.

* Sue and John Evans extend an invitation to a **Farewell Celebration Tea** at Burwell Day Centre on Saturday 7th February 2.30 – 4.00pm.

* I will be grateful for **creme eggs, and knitted chicks** to cover them, as before, for children visiting HMP Whitemoor this Easter. Many thanks. Paula.

* A **Deanery Confirmation** service is planned to be at St Mary's on Sunday 26th April 2026. Anyone interested in being confirmed at that service speak to Eleanor.

PASTORAL CARE

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