

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



22nd February 2026 – 1st Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect *Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Hymns: MP 160 Forty days and forty nights

MP 563 Praise to the holiest

MP 975 Before the throne of God above

MP 746 What a friend we have in Jesus

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 St. Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 1st March 2026

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- We pray that, entering this holy season, we may, together, open our hearts to God's renewing grace and walk the Lenten path with courage, humility, and hope.

- As the first signs of spring start to show around us, we give thanks for the natural world and for wildlife. We pray for a better understanding of the impact of our actions in the environment, and we commit to playing our part in protecting our shared home. We pray that world leaders, local governments and communities work together to protect our common home.

- 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.

- for the people 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.

- 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 the 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 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, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* 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.

* Would you like to sing in **St Mary's choir**? If so, we'd love to see you at a rehearsal on Fri 20 Feb 7-8pm. Email Kathy for more information on administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk.

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 Revd Paula Spalding (Associate Priest): 07849 936085 associatepriest@stmarysburwell.org.uk.