

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



1st March 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Readings: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17

Hymns: MP 645 The God of Abraham praise For God so loved the world (John Hardwick), MP 673 There

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 8th March 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at Burwell

Followed by bring and share farewell lunch for Sue & John.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- During our Lenten journey, may we deepen our discipleship, adopting holy habits to enable us to follow Jesus ever more closely and with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.
- 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:- Casburn Lane, Dalzells Lane, Guyatt Court, Laburnum Lane, Murton Close, Newnham Lane, Pantile Lane, The Causeway, Hythe Close, Hythe Lane, Weirs Drove (Burwell), Blackberry Drove (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 families and friends of Keith Turner and Chris Hall, 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.

* The Flower Ministry will be placing an arrangement of **Lilies at the Altar** at Easter in memory of loved ones who have died. Add names to the list at the back of Church along with £2 per name to Dawn or Wendy.

* 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

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.