

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach
Loving God, Loving People

5th April 2026 – Easter Sunday

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen*

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18

Hymns: MP 357 Jesus Christ is risen (to tune 76)

MP 1105 See what a morning

A&M 501 (i) Now the green blade rises

MP 689 Thine be the glory

SUNDAY WORSHIP

6.30am Sunrise Service on Castle Mound
followed by breakfast

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

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 NO Bell ringing practice this week.

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

11.00am Easter Egg Hunt & Story Trail at Reach

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 12th April 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Alleluia! Christ is risen! May the Church be filled with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned, and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. May Christ's resurrection power break forth in newness of life. May all that is broken be transformed. May all that is distorted be renewed and made whole.

- 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.

- for all in regions where there is war or unrest; for those displaced or caught up in violence. We think especially of the Middle East with the escalation of war between US-Israel and Iran and the effects on the surrounding countries. 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. For family and friends in the Middle East.

- For the people of Gaza and Israel, that a stable and lasting ceasefire plan may be secured and for a just outcome to the peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. May there be an end to the suffering of so many people.

- 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.

- 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.

- For the new Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah Mullally – for grace to fulfil this challenging role, for wisdom, discernment, humility and courage. For the Bishop of Ely elect, Rt Revd Sarah Clark. For Bishop Dagmar as she prepares to become Bishop of Edinburgh.

- 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 Connect Café and Youth 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:- Ashgrove, Bolton Close, Low Road, Parsonage Close, Poplars Close, Roman Close, The Leys, Tunbridge Close (Burwell), Swaffham Rd (Reach)

- For those in special need: 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), Leshia (Janice Fearn's granddaughter), Jessica, Stephen (Boppo), David K. Brenda, Ena.

- For the bereaved including the families and friends of Jane Caddick and Sue Bryant and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Thank you to the Flower Ministry** for the beautiful flowers in church for Easter.

* **Concert in Reach church** - 4pm on Sun 19 April - by Cambridge Vocal Consort. In aid of church funds. Tickets (including tea and cake) £10, (under 16s £5) available at back of church or CentrePeace and Tina's

* A message from HMP Whitmoor: "A massive thank you for your **generous donation**. We really appreciate it and know it makes a big difference to the children who are affected by incarceration. Thanks again".

I echo those thanks, and am pleased to say that our gifts arrived in time for the Easter Family Day held on Monday, 30th March. Paula

* **Advance notice for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on April 26th – several vacancies for PCC. Please prayerfully consider if you may be called to this.

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.