

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



Loving God, Loving People

26th April 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Acts 2:42-47 John 10:1-10

Hymns: MP 649 The King of love my shepherd is
MP 1008 The Lord's my Shepherd - Townend
MP 275 I heard the voice
Christ alone, Cornerstone

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

We hope to be able to live stream the 10am service on Facebook.

11.15am APCM at St. Mary's

3.00pm Confirmation Service at St. Mary's

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 3rd May 2026

10.00am Café Church with Baptism at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- For those being baptised or confirmed this Sunday, 26th April: Jo, Joan, Ali & Jamie, and for all who accompany them. May the Holy Spirit guide, strengthen, and inspire them.

- may we be Easter people, filled with the joy of the Resurrection as nature moves into Spring with all its colour, blossom, warmth and hope. We give thanks for the witness of the first disciples, and the records of that witness that they made so that we may share in the Good News of the Gospel.

- 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 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, 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 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), Sue A, Daphne, Hilary, Paul (Alison K's friend), Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter), Jessica, David K, Stephen (Boppo), Brenda, Ena, Joan L.

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

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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

* **Reach Fair is on 4th May**, and we will be serving cream teas in St Etheldreda's. Donations of jam, cream and scones gratefully received. Volunteers also needed to serve the teas. Please sign the lists at the back of St Mary's.

* **No Bellingring practice** on Monday 4th May as this is a Bank Holiday.

* For a couple of weeks from Sunday 24th May there will be **free (second hand) books** available in the Church themed generally on faith, hope and charity. If you have any books that you no longer want that you could contribute to this, please do bring them along or let me know and I can collect. Please help yourself to anything of interest when they are there. The books to borrow continue at the back of the church too. Angela

PASTORAL CARE

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