

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



3rd May 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Acts 7:55-60 John 14:1-14

Hymns: All our blessings, all our joys

Christ be my leader

One more step along the world I go

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

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

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 10th May 2026

10.00am Christian Aid Service with Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- For Luke to be baptised on Sunday, for his nurture and growth in faith, supported by his family, godparents and the church.

- 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; f- or those displaced or caught up in violence. We think especially of the Middle East with the fragile cease fire 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.

- We pray for those communities where people are afraid to walk the streets because of their faith and traditions. Where there is enmity, we pray for peace; where there is division, healing; and where there is hatred, a mending of broken bonds; we remember particularly members of the Jewish community following the attack in London this week.

- 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 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:- Barkways, Bloomsfield. Copperfield Way, Cornfields, Newmarket Road, St. Mary's View, Summerfield Close, Isaacson Road, Cedar Gardens (Burwell), Ditchfield (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.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **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.

* **Christian Aid service Sunday 10th**

May We have set up an e-envelope if you would like to make an online donation. Scan this QR code.

Please let Eleanor or Jo know if you would be happy to read during the service.

* 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

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