

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### THIS WEEK

**Collect:** *O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Readings:** Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11

**Hymns:** MP 207 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

O praise the name (Anastasis)

MP 1000 King of kings

MP 77 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Mon** 7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Wed** 10.30am Morning Prayer at Reach  
(also at Ness Court)

**Frid** 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

**Sat** 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY - PENTECOST

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- May we be Easter people, filled with the joy of the Resurrection. 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 those sitting exams. May God bless them with insight, calmness, and a future filled with hope.

- 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 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.

- 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 all governments as they tackle the economic and social issues which affect them.

- 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 who are unable to meet with us, who are now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey, and Vi.

- 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, Joan L.

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

### FOR YOUR ATTENTION

\* **Christian Aid** – The e-envelope is still open if you would like to make an online donation. Scan this QR code or follow the link.



[https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/st-marys-burwell-and-st-etheldredas-reach?utm\\_medium=sharedbuttons&utm\\_campaign=&utm\\_source=copy](https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/st-marys-burwell-and-st-etheldredas-reach?utm_medium=sharedbuttons&utm_campaign=&utm_source=copy)

\* For a couple of weeks from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

\* **The Fete:** raffle tickets are available to purchase from Tony Thacker and Sarah Wingate. Please take some to sell to family & friends. There is also a box at the back of Church for contributions to the Tombola (Adult and Children), Bottles of wine to make up a wine hamper for the raffle, Bric-a-brac Old beads and buttons. Also, Plants, Cakes & chocolate brownies if you'd like to enter the brownie bake-off and Scones for the cream teas

### PASTORAL CARE

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