

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



24th May 2026 – Pentecost

THIS WEEK

Collect: *God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23

Hymns: MP 90 Come Holy Ghost

MP 1183 Holy Spirit living breath of God

MP 525 O thou who camest from above

MP 89 Come down, O love divine

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon NO 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 – 31st MAY

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- This Pentecost we pray that the Holy Spirit of love and power will fill us afresh, that we might be witnesses to Christ in all that we say, think and do. Holy Spirit of Light, Come to us. Fill us. Guide us. Amen.

- 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 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.

- We pray for our country and for all who serve in local and national government. May they learn, in their work, 'to serve and not to be served, to give and not to count the cost.' May they seek always to support those in greatest need rather than those with greatest influence.

- For all those sitting exams. May God bless them with insight, calmness, and a future filled with hope.

- 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, Joan L.

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

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **The Carers Service** is at 3pm on the 7th June. If you can make donations of sweet or savoury finger food for the tea after the service, or help on the day, please fill in the sheet at the back of church. Many thanks, Hazel 07747022531.

* 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.

* **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

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