

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



26th July 2026 – 8th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings:

Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Hymns: MP 189 God is working his purpose out

MP 224 All who would valiant be

MP 396 Just as I am

MP 651 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at Burwell

We hope to livestream this service

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Tues 2.00pm Funeral of Bruce Lillie, cemetery chapel

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

2.00pm Pop-Up Tea at St. Mary's.

celebrating 150 years of Mothers' Union

(Funeral of James Webb at Cam Valley Crematorium and Burwell Baptist Church)

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 2nd AUGUST 2026

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at Burwell

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Chloe-Jeane & Ryan's Marriage blessing this Friday and for Crystal & Daniel to be married this Saturday; for God's blessing in all that they share together.

- We continue to pray for the millions of people affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela; that the survivors find the courage and support they need and for comfort for bereaved families. May God watch over, protect and bless the efforts of the emergency services and rescuers.

- We give thanks for the natural world and for wildlife. As communities across the world face the effects of extreme weather and environmental change, may governments, businesses and individuals act with greater responsibility towards the earth we share.

- We continue to pray for peace in our troubled world. We think of those that have lost so much; livelihoods, homes, communities and loved ones. We think especially of the Middle East with the fragile situation 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 peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine.

- 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.

- 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 issues which affect them.

- For new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham, for integrity and honesty, creating policies that help the neediest in our society. May this Government- 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.

- As our schools and colleges begin their summer vacation, we pray it will be a time of rest and refreshment for all staff and students. We pray for those who are anxiously awaiting exam results and for the decisions that will be taken about their future.

- We pray for the Bishop of Ely, Rt Revd Sarah Clark; that she will be given wisdom as she guides the Diocese in the next step of our journey.

- For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, Kevin & all in leadership, and for the newly formed Fabric Group.

- 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:- Abbey Close, Hall Lane, Meadowlands, Park Road, Parsonage Lane, Pound Close, Priory Close, Spring Close, The Paddocks (Burwell), Fairgreen (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, Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter), Jessica, David K, Brenda, Stephen (Boppo), Joan L, David S.

- For the bereaved including the family and friends of James Webb, Pat Mingay, Bruce Lillie, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* Wednesday 29th July there will be a "Pop-Up Tea" at St. Mary's Church to celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union – all invited to come and celebrate. (Tea/coffee, Sandwich + cake £5).

* **Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives – more books available**

* Just two **St Mary's photo coasters** left at £4 each.

* **Pilgrimage in later life** – group starting on Thursday mornings from 30th July for 4 weeks. Please let Eleanor know if you would like to join.

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Eleanor or Paula with messages about pastoral news, needs & concerns, requests for prayer.
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