

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



2nd August 2026 – 9th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31 Matthew 14:13-21

Hymns: A&M 343 Be thou my vision (for words)

MP 825 Faithful One

My lighthouse

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at Burwell

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

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 Prayers

Various: Lammas Tide Pilgrimage Walk
(See notices)

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9th AUGUST 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- 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 pray for those affected by the devastating wild fires in France and Spain. We remember those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods, those forced to evacuate, and the firefighters and emergency services who risk their lives to save and protect others.
- We ask God to bring comfort and hope to those affected by the earthquake in Japan, and to give courage and strength on those involved in the rescue effort. We continue to pray for the people affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela. May God watch over, protect and bless the efforts of the emergency services and rescuers.
- We pray for farmers and those whose livelihoods are affected by the hot, dry weather. May the decisions made by our leaders and policymakers reflect a concern for our environment and for nature.
- 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 continue their summer break, 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:- Green Lane, High Street, Lime Close, Mill Close, Mill Lane, Saxon Drive, School Lane, Wild Acres (Burwell), Chapel Lane (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, Karen W.

- 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

* Sunday 8th August - Join us at any point during the day, for a **Lammas Tide Pilgrimage!** Bring your own picnic. See August Contact magazine for more details.

* **Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives** – more books available £3 if you can.

* **Pilgrimage in later life** – if you would like to join a group in the autumn, please let Eleanor know.

PASTORAL CARE

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