

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Advent 3**

We are resuming services in our church buildings - details below. We remain part of One Body, as we join in fellowship in different ways.

### **THIS WEEK**

*Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Readings:** Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11 John 1:6-8,19-28

### **Hymns (with a link to listen):**

Hills of the north

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FMQLLbPh4>

Like a candle flame

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teZaQUKjx24>

Hail to the Lord's anointed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkrepBvrlL4>

### **WORSHIP IN CHURCH**

#### **Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's**

The service in St Mary's will be streamed live on Zoom.

Coffee and Chat on Zoom from approx. 11.20am.

The sermon will be posted on Facebook at 8.30am as Thought for the Week.

**Wednesday St Mary's** open for prayer 10am-12pm

**Thursday St Etheldreda's** open all day to 4.00pm

For all services at the church, if possible please book in via our website, where you can fill in Test & Trace details:

[www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/booking-for-church-services/](http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/booking-for-church-services/)

You can book at any time during the week, though it is helpful if you can book by 6pm on Saturday if possible to help us get ready for the morning. If you need to book by phone, please call the Vicarage on 741262.

### **WORSHIP AT HOME**

**ON FACEBOOK** - available to watch after the 'live' time, and links on website for those without Facebook account

[www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell)

[www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell/](http://www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell/)

[www.stmarysburwell.org.uk](http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk)

### **Weekday Video Prayers on Facebook**

8.30am and 8.30pm Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday with prayers posted to read on Tues, Thurs, Sat.

**ON ZOOM** - For Zoom church meetings and services please register via our website

<https://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/gdpr/keepingintouch/>

If technical support is needed, Rob Proctor has offered to help [tech@stmarysburwell.org.uk](mailto:tech@stmarysburwell.org.uk).

**Friday** 9.30am Zoom Refresh Café

**Saturday** 9.00am Elk Prayer Gathering

**Sunday** 9.00am Messy Gathering via Zoom

10.00am Service live streamed from St. Mary's

11.20am Virtual coffee and Chat on Zoom

### **ST MARY'S & ST ETHELDREDA'S PHONELINE**

Dial in to our phonenumber to hear a recording of our Facebook services and the pew sheet 01638 598958.

### **THIS SUNDAY- RADIO, TV and ONLINE**

8.10am Radio 4 Morning Worship

9.00am Church of England live stream service on the C of E website & Facebook.

[www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online](http://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online)

10.30am Ely Cathedral online service [www.elycathedral.org/](http://www.elycathedral.org/)

1.15pm BBC 1 Songs of Praise

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

- Let us pray for our world, our community, our friends and families, as we continue our Advent journey towards Christmas. May we follow the Star of Bethlehem and allow Jesus to be born in our hearts.

- For wisdom and grace in planning as church buildings reopen for services. For all our congregations and the different ways we are in touch with each other, to offer support, to share in prayer and worship, to reach out to those around us.

- With the continued restrictions to combat the rise of Covid-19 cases, we pray for wisdom for health workers and governments across the world. For a heightened awareness and sense of responsibility to care for & protect each other. For work to combat the effects of the virus worldwide. Now that a vaccine has been approved, we pray for efficient distribution and continued research on further vaccines in order that all people are catered for in the most effective way. For those affected: those who are ill, at home or in hospital, those who are self-isolating, those who have lost loved ones. We pray for provision for those who may be facing job insecurity & financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic. For all who are finding lockdown restrictions very difficult.

- We pray for those who are involved in the Brexit negotiations: may their deliberations and decisions bring the greatest good to the greatest number of people.

- For the USA for justice and righteousness in the democratic process, for wisdom, grace and humility in leadership, and for a peaceful transition to the 46th Presidency.

- For peace and reconciliation where there is conflict. For the work of organisations helping families around the world to overcome poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest. For countries where there are many in desperate & vulnerable situations, in refugee camps and living in poverty, thinking especially of those at high risk of famine: Yemen, Syria, DRC, South Sudan, Afghanistan.

- We give thanks for the beauty of our world and pray for greater recognition of the impact of climate change, and the negative ways we use the world's resources.

- For students at university preparing for the Christmas break, thinking especially of those in our wider church family – Bella, Elizabeth, David, George, Jack, Yasmin and Josh.

- For those living in: Baker Drive, Ness Court, Ness Road, The Avenue (Burwell), Swaffham Road (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, James, Ella, Mike, Jennifer, Norma, Charlie, Sarah, Jackie, Sarah, Lucie, Jackie, Janey, Jean, Jessica, Neil, Richard, Don, Noel, Dave, Bob, Brenda.

- For the bereaved including the family and friends of John Robinson, Patricia Carpenter and those remembering anniversaries of the loss of loved ones.

### **NOTICES**

\* Happy Birthday to Noel Tweddle celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday tomorrow (14<sup>th</sup> December).

\* Christmas service details are in Contact. Booking will be available by Monday. Times of opening for prayer are being confirmed.

\* We have given Real Advent Calendars again this year to families in our community. If you would like to sponsor some of these, please speak to the treasurer, Terry Chalmers, and also for any other queries about giving to support the mission and ministry of our churches.

**PASTORAL CARE:** Please contact Eleanor, Paula or Sue Evans, Lay Pastor, with messages about pastoral news, needs & concerns, requests for prayer.

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