

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



Loving God, Loving People

24th November 2024 – Christ the King

Sunday next before Advent or Stir Up Sunday

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Hebrews 12.18-29; John 18:33-37

Hymns: MP 560 Praise my soul the King of heaven

MP 396 Just as I am

MP 529 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

MP 41 At the name of Jesus.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

We hope to be able to live stream the 10am service on Facebook. If so, a recording will be available to watch after end of service.

4.00pm Messy Church at St. Mary's

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer

7.30pm PCC meeting in the Guildhall

Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch

3.30pm Christmas Tree decorating for families

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 1st DECEMBER 2024

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church and Baptism at St. Mary's

4.30pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- A prayer for Stir Up Sunday: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- For those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for just and peaceful solutions to be reached. We pray especially for an end to the terrible situation in the Middle East and we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, may the leaders of violence and bloodshed know a change of heart and work towards peace.

- Look with compassion on the world where anger so often prevails over love, where false speech and evil words destroy human fellowship. We pray for a peaceful transition of leadership in the United States. For President-elect Trump, as well as all leaders in public life, that they may rise to meet the responsibilities entrusted to them as they serve their nations and those whom they represent. For them to uphold the common good and promote the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable, including the poor, stranger, the elderly and infirm, and migrants. For our own government; for wisdom and insight and may they aspire to create changes that benefit those that are most in need, in our society and the wider world.

- 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: Haiti, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria, DRC, South Sudan.

- Make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint & compassion, and pray that political leaders be guided by wisdom, vision, courage to work together and take urgent action.

- 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. Help us to see and serve the needs around us, whether through food banks, charity work, or simple acts of kindness. May we be attentive to the lonely, the marginalized, and those struggling in our midst.

- For our leaders as the Diocese continues the process of choosing a new Bishop of Ely. For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, Virginia, Kevin & all in leadership.

- For our work with children, young people and families, including Refresh Café, Messy Church and the ideas for engaging with young people. For those involved on the teams, and for others to come forward.

- For those living in:- Anchor Lane, Chandlers Court, Hatley Drive, Kingfisher Drive, Myrtle Drive, Silver Street (Burwell), Blackberry Drove (Reach)

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Don, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), Carol, Janice, John H, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie D, John D, Joanne, Pam C, Jessica, Pauline, Michael (Ysanne's brother), John W (friend of Ken & Dawn), Jackie L, Sue A.

- For His Majesty, King Charles, and Catherine, Princess of Wales in their ongoing recovery from cancer, for comfort, peace and confidence in God's faithfulness.

- For the bereaved, including the families and friends of Kathleen Day and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* If you've not had chance to respond yet to the **Giving Review letter** sent out with Contact, please consider doing so by the end of the month, to help us with budgets for 2025. Thank you.

* **Free Advent books** – take one and one to give away!

* **Greetings Cards and fridge magnets** of St Mary's by local artist Sarah Gausden available to purchase, with some of proceeds to come to the church. Cards £2.50, Magnets £3.50.

* **Christmas Tree Festival** – speak to Angela if you'd like to take part.

* **Songs for Christmas concert with Lucy Bunce** Thursday 12th December 7.30pm, with mulled wine from 7.00pm. Tickets £10 now available in Post Office and CentrePeace. Children free.

* A new service is being planned: Quiet Christmas 3.00pm on Sunday 15th December – a reflective service of readings, prayers and music, for those who find the Christmas difficult for whatever reason.

* Ann Griffiths is pleased to say she collected over 600 Christmas **Shoe boxes** these will be distributed to 8 different countries, Thank you for your support.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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