

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### THIS WEEK

**Collect:** *Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Readings:** Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36

**Hymns:** Mothers and Fathers of the Faith

MP 1201 Christ be our light

MP 102 Come thou long expected Jesus

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church and Baptism at St. Mary's  
*Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service this week.*

4.30pm Christingle Service 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

**Fri** 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch

**Sat** 9.00am Village Green Prayers

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

2.00pm Bells to announce Christmas Tree Festival

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Spencer to be baptised on Sunday, and for his nurture in the Christian faith as he grows up supported by his parents, family, godparents & the Church, that he may know that he is loved by God, and would grow in faith, hope and love.

- 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. For 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.

- We pray for those who have been adversely affected by bad weather and for those who work to raise awareness of climate change; that their voice might be heard above the storm. 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:- Baker Drive, Ness Court, Ness Road, The Avenue (Burwell), Swaffham Road (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

\* From Myrna: Thank you for all of the lovely cards, texts and visits before I left Burwell and for those sent here. I'm overwhelmed by so many loving messages and the prayer support. I shall miss 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. Open for viewing from 2pm Dec 8<sup>th</sup>.

\* **Songs for Christmas concert with Lucy Bunce** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December – a reflective service of readings, prayers and music, for those who find the Christmas difficult for whatever reason.

### PASTORAL CARE

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