



St Andrew's Whittlesey, St Mary's Whittlesey,  
St Thomas' Pondersbridge and Holy Trinity Coates  
Church of England Team Ministry:  
[www.wpcteam.org.uk](http://www.wpcteam.org.uk)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

++Churches being open for private prayer and funerals.++  
You will be kept informed on the progress of reopening our churches.  
The process is ongoing.  
Any questions please contact Revd Nigel

The Collect for Sunday – Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

A Daily Prayer for our times

*Father God, as people and nations of the world, help us to realise our dependence upon one another. We pray for healing among the sick, wisdom among our leaders, protection and effectiveness for health workers, and responsible behaviour by each of us as individuals. Most of all, Lord, we pray that you dispel our fears, for you 'did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline' (2 Tim 1:7). For Jesus's sake. Amen*

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus for daily use.

*Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

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Our regular services in church may have been suspended,  
Our church buildings are opening gradually for private prayer.  
We remain a church at home united in the Spirit.  
Let us pray for each other.  
Let us be good neighbours.  
May God bless us all.

**Our churches pastoral work continues.**  
**Please contact us by phone if you need to or just what a chat.**

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To support you with your daily prayer and contact with the wider church  
please make use of the following websites.

Church of England. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Prayer online. <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Diocese of Ely. <https://www.elydiocese.org/>

Ely Cathedral. <https://www.elycathedral.org/>

<https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

**Please make use of the daily cycle of readings. Daily Prayer service attached to email**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Second Sunday after Trinity – Green – 10.00am Holy Communion via Zoom**  
First reading Jeremiah 20:7-13. Second reading Romans 6:1b-11. Gospel Matthew 10: 24-39

**Monday – Saturday**

Monday	- Feast of Alban first martyr of Britain. - Morning Prayer – Psalm 44	Judges 2	Luke 13: 1-9
Tuesday	- Feast of Etheldreda, abbess of Ely - Morning Prayer - Psalm 48, 52	Judges 4: 1-23	Luke 13: 10-21
Wednesday	- Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist - Morning Prayer – Psalm 50, 149	Malachi 3: 1-6	Luke 3:1-17
Thursday	- Morning Prayer – Psalm 56, 57	Judges 6: 1-24	Luke 14: 1-11
Friday	- Morning Prayer – Psalm 51, 54	Judges 6: 25-end	Luke 14: 12-24
Saturday	- Morning Prayer – Psalm 68	Judges 7	Luke 14:25-end

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Green – 10.00am Morning Praise via Zoom**

First reading Jeremiah 28:5-9. Second reading Romans 6:12-end. Gospel Matthew 10:40-end

**Please remember in your prayers:**

**Those who are in residential homes, hospital or hospice & those known personally to us:  
*All NHS staff, care workers, emergency services, funeral directors and all key workers.***

***Prayers are requested for Marie Rogers, Deborah Law, Terry Randells,  
Emma Aindow Gregory, Lizzie Monk, Richard Willows, Joan Kefford, Cheryl Tyner,  
Keith Simpson***

***The families and friends of those who have recently died:***

**Ray Johns, Roy Lightfoot, Audrey Rose Warren, Revd Marina Kennard**

**Anniversaries:**

**St Thomas:** 21<sup>st</sup> Jack Papworth

**Holy Trinity:** 27<sup>th</sup> Ida Rose Redhead

**St Andrew's:** , 22<sup>nd</sup> Rena Eveline Hall, Baby Georgie Stratton, 23<sup>rd</sup> Ernest William (Bill) Hilliam,  
Reginald John Turner, 25<sup>th</sup> Jean Cullup, 26<sup>th</sup> Roger Vargo, 27<sup>th</sup> Herbert William Neal,  
Olive May Goodwin 29

**St Mary's:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Nora Yardy, Elsie Templeman, Eliza Mary Stevens, 26<sup>th</sup> James Holmes

## St Etheldreda's Feast Day is 23rd June.

Etheldreda (Aethelthryth, Ediltrudis, Audrey) (d.679), was a queen, foundress and abbess of Ely and has a significant part in the history of the Diocese of Ely.

She was the daughter of Anna, king of East Anglia, was born (probably) at Exning, near Newmarket, Suffolk.

At an early age she was married (c.652) to Tondberht, ealdorman of the South Gyrwas, but she was said to have remained a virgin. On his death, c.655, she retired to the Isle of Ely, her dowry.

In 660, for political reasons, she was married to Egfrith, the young king of Northumbria who was then only 15 years old, and several years younger than her. He agreed that she should remain a virgin, as in her previous marriage, but 12 years later he wished their marital relationship to be normal. Etheldreda, advised and aided by Wilfred, bishop of Northumbria, refused. Egfrith offered bribes in vain. Etheldreda left him and became a nun at Coldingham under her aunt Ebbe (672) and founded a double monastery at Ely in 673.

(from FARMER, David: The Oxford Dictionary of Saints, 3rd ed. OUP, 1992.)

Etheldreda restored an old church at Ely, reputedly destroyed by Penda, pagan king of the Mercians, and built her monastery on the site of what is now Ely Cathedral. After its restoration in 970 by Ethelwold, it became the richest abbey in England behind Glastonbury.

Etheldreda died c.680 from a tumour on the neck, reputedly as a divine punishment for her vanity in wearing necklaces in her younger days. In reality it was the result of the plague which also killed several of her nuns, many of whom were her sisters or nieces.

Seventeen years after her death, her body was found to be incorrupt. Wilfred and her physician, Cynefrid, were among the witnesses. The tumour on her neck, cut by her doctor, was found to be healed. The linen cloths in which her body was wrapped were as fresh as the day she had been buried. Her body was placed in a stone sarcophagus of Roman origin, found at Grantchester, and reburied.

Her shrine was destroyed in 1541, but some relics are alleged to be in St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London (where the bishops of Ely formerly had their London residence). Her hand, which was discovered in a recusant hiding place near Arundel in 1811, is claimed by St Etheldreda's Roman Catholic church at Ely.

*Eternal God,  
who bestowed such grace upon your servant Etheldreda  
that she gave herself wholly to the life of prayer  
and to the service of your true religion:  
grant that we, like her,  
may so live our lives on earth seeking your kingdom  
that by your guiding  
we may be joined to the glorious fellowship of your saints; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Text copied from the Diocesan website)