



Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for April 2016.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19 v 14

Prayer and praise items from Christ Church.

We give thanks for the way God is blessing His church in so many areas.

We pray for the new PCC and for the new prayer initiatives including the establishment of a prayer room.

We seek God's guidance in the area of improving our pastoral care and outreach to the community.

Garland Street

Praise

We give thanks for a new midweek service called 'Relevant' It will be monthly on Tuesday evenings.

We praise God for the developments with the Bury Drop In getting stronger month by month

We thank God for new faces in our congregation.

Prayer

For guidance in planning the refurbishment of our halls (to be known as The Elven Centre)

For wisdom to know how to support and nourish our existing congregates while reaching out to new people with a variety of aspirations.

We have an Awayday on May 14th called 'From a Spark to a Flame'. Pray that God will encourage and give fresh vision.

Nic Wright – SIFRE – Suffolk Inter Faith Resource

7/4/16 – 6.00 – 7.15 pm – Quaker Meeting House, St John Street “Who’s who for inter faith in Bury St Edmunds”. See

<http://burystedmundsquakers.org/events/event/1512/>

Pop Up Cafe at All Saints, Bury on Monday 18th April, 9am to 12.15. We hope to welcome anyone who fancies cuppa, cake and chat, especially the Mum's dropping off children at the playgroup. All welcome.

Prayer and Praise from West Suffolk Hospital Chaplaincy :

Please pray for our patients and staff, and for the Chaplaincy volunteers who visit on the wards every weekday. They make the lives of those on the wards that much easier, and we pray that God will put the right words in their mouths as they seek to meet the needs of those they meet. We praise God for bringing more people into the Chapel, seeking answers, conversation and support.

Other items:

- all those affected by the floods and storms, especially for the elderly as they attempt to rebuild their homes.

- the work of the churches in supporting and highlighting the needs of the homeless and refugees. Please give thanks for them, as well as the ongoing work through food banks and the Drop In Project at Garland Street .

- the youth work would grow and prosper.

- the lent group programmes in the various churches

- small Church – new weekly service for children/parents/carers – Mondays at 3.30 pm at St Johns Church.
- those affected by the bombings in Brussels

You may wish to visit our website: <http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/stedmundsbury/> .

If you have a subject needing prayer or something to offer in praise, please email Jenny at jennytroll615@btinternet.com. We produce a Prayer and Praise Sheet each month – and it is a great way to celebrate God’s work as well as bringing attention to projects and services in your church.

Upcoming events for prayer and reflection:

Day	Date	Venue/Church or Organiser	Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers
Monday	4 April	Cathedral	Lady Day Mothers’ Union Service
Thursday	7 April 6-7.15 pm	Quaker Meeting House St Johns Street (SIFRE)	“Who’s who for inter faith in Bury St Edmunds”.
Saturday	9 April 8-9.45 am	St Edmunds Catholic Church	Prayer Breakfast – please contact Eilish Heath
Monday	11 April 7.30 pm	Garland Street Baptist Church	Churches Together Committee Meeting – All very welcome to attend
Monday	18 April 9-12.15	All Saints Church	Pop Up Cafe
Wednesday	20 April 7-9.00 pm	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share</i> – A series of 4 sessions Matt Busby – Ministry to Children
Saturday	23 April	Snape Maltings	Jazz Concert with Jacqui Dankworth for Diocesan Centenary Fund
Wednesday	27 April 7-9.00 pm	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share</i> – A series of 4 sessions Joel Forster – Ministry in the workplace
Sunday	1 May	Cathedral	<i>Confirmation service</i>
Wednesday	04 May 7-9.00 pm	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share</i> – A series of 4 sessions Graham Jack – Ministry to families
Sunday-Friday	8-13 May	North Bury and Lark Valley Churches	<i>Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne</i>
Wednesday	11 May 7-9.00 pm	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share</i> – A series of 4 sessions Sharon (St Nicholas Hospice) – title to be decided
Sunday-Sunday	15-22 May		<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Thursday	26 May	St Johns Church	<i>Corpus Christi service with Bishop Martin Seeley</i>
Saturday	18 June 7.00 pm	St Marys Church Malcolm Rogers	<i>Come Together service</i> – a wonderful opportunity to meet together to worship, pray and hear God’s word.
Wednesday	21 September	United Peace Day	