



## **Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for September 2017.**

"I will praise the Lord all my life, I will sing praise to my God as long as I live." Ps 146 v 2

Please pray for:

### **Cathedral:**

Dean Frances Ward as she prepares to leave Suffolk, and her husband Peter - starting training for ordination in September;

Thomas Hawkes starting as King Edward School Musician in Residence and at the cathedral as Organ Scholar;

Sarah Geileskey as she begins ordination training and placement at the cathedral for a year.

## **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST: RIDE AND STRIDE DAY. SATURDAY 09 SEPT 2017**

**PRAISE BE** for the 728 churches and chapels in Suffolk which opened their doors on the Ride and Stride Day last year.

**THANKS BE** for the many willing volunteers who worked so hard in encouraging 3,000 participants to put on their boots and helmets to walk or ride in support of the work of the Trust, helping to raise £137,500 through their sponsorship in one day.

**THANKS BE TO GOD** for the warm, smiling welcome and generous hospitality to be found at every church and chapel visited.

And

**THANK YOU, GOD**, for the dedication of the Trustees and helpers who for the past 35 years have helped to maintain beautiful places of worship and provide essential facilities to your glory.

**ALL PRAISE TO GOD** for the beautiful world he has given us to discover and explore, so full of glory and wonder.

**PLEASE PRAY** FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SUPPORTING IN SO MANY WAYS THE RIDE AND STRIDE DAY ON SATURDAY 09 SEPTEMBER.

... For their INSPIRATION, DEDICATION, DETERMINATION, FUNDRAISING and FUN!

For more information, or for anyone who may like to participate, exploring our local byways and footpaths, please see the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust website, <https://shct.org.uk>, phone their Long Melford Office on 01787 883884, or email [shctao@btinternet.com](mailto:shctao@btinternet.com)

### **St Mary's Church**

Malcolm Rogers, vicar, left St Mary's in July for Russia. Please pray for Malcolm, Alison (his wife) and family in their new venture. Please pray for Malcolm as he is being licensed on Sunday 3 September in Moscow. We would also welcome prayers for his replacement.

Please pray for the volunteers and guests. On 1 September the Drop In moved to Trinity Methodist Church whilst building work is being done to the Elven Centre. Please pray for:

- the guests and the problems they have to face.
- The volunteers - their faithfulness in helping the guests either cooking or befriending or in a leadership role
- More volunteers as the organisation continues to grow
- Clothes and toiletries for the guests

#### Other prayer items:

- Who Cares? Initiative – Please pray that God will help us to work together across the town (and County!) to bring good news of Jesus to people who hurt.
- pray for those who have recently lost a loved one.
- youth work would grow and prosper.
- small Church – weekly service for children/parents/carers – Mondays at 3.30 pm at St Johns Church.
- Theresa May and our MPs – Brexit
- BCY – a replacement for Matt and school activities
- SE Asia – floods – 4M people affected – many have lost homes and many have died

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](mailto: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
Saturday	9 September	Suffolk Historic Churches Trust	<i>Ride ad Stride Day</i>
Wednesday	13 September 2.30-4.00 pm	17 Orchard Way, Horringer	<i>The Horringer Bible Discussion Group – Currently looking at the parables of Jesus. [For any further details please phone or text 07730 221121.]</i>
Saturday	16 September 3.00 pm	St Edmunds Cathedral The Lady Chapel	<i>Remembering Together – Remembering all those who have lost babies, children, etc.</i>
Thursday	21 September		<i>Peace Day – Global ceasefire and non violence <a href="http://www.triosospiroso.com/coh/coh.htm">http://www.triosospiroso.com/coh/coh.htm</a></i>
Sunday	24 September 12.15-12.45 pm	Angel Hill – Buttermarket	<i>Global Ceasefire and non violence - Bury St Edmunds Human Chain of Hope – joining town’s 2 war memorials with ribbon/humans from Angel Hill to Butter Market</i>
Saturday	23 September 1-8.00 pm	The Apex (organised by Liberty Church, Thetford)	<i>Flourish Women’s Conference- Guest speaker J John – for women to come together to flourish/thrive Tickets £20 from Apex</i>
Saturday	30 September 10-12.30 pm	Christchurch, Moreton Hall	<i>A Spectrum of Song – a vibrant workshop for all who enjoy singing (see <a href="http://www.cantusfirmus.org.uk">www.cantusfirmus.org.uk</a>)</i>