



'WHAT'S HAPPENING & PRAYER SHEET' October-November-December 2020

**“But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:4.
“Those who were scattered went about preaching the Word...” Acts 8:4.
“...and there was much joy.” Acts 8:8.**

COMING UP:

Bury Christian Youth 30th anniversary celebration Sunday 15th November 7.30PM
BCY is turning 30, and we are excited to announce that we will move our celebration service online for you to join in. We will open and welcome you all, and then the live stream will last around 45 minutes. We are excited to say we will worship together and several familiar faces from BCY's past, will share their stories. We are thrilled that Gavin Calver of Evangelical Alliance will still be our guest speaker. We will also have an update from BCY's current workers sharing exciting plans for the future. Contact office@bcy.org.uk to get a link.

DATES AHEAD:

ALL SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS!

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Launch service is arranged for **Sunday 17th January 2021** at **6.30pm** at Trinity Methodist Church, Brentgovel Street, Bury St. Edmunds IP33 1EB. Led by Debbie Borda with speaker David Bagstaff. Also at lunchtimes at various venues during the following week, to be arranged.

Good Friday Service and Walk of Witness provisionally **Friday 2nd. April 2021** at the Cathedral and in town.

Churches Together Summer Celebration provisionally **Sunday 27th June 2021** in The Abbey Gardens.

Give thanks for all the new things happening at cross-church neighbourhood level, and 'on-line', growth in numbers and faith, and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

CORONAVIRUS: Pray for the controlling of the Coronavirus outbreak, healing for those ill, and comfort for those dying and those bereaved. Pray for the work to find a safe and effective vaccine. Pray for those for whom restrictions bring particular problems. Pray for the NHS, Care-staff, and other key workers. Pray for local businesses and those who have lost their employment, home, relationships (and for the work of the Bury Drop-In). Pray for schools, and for students away from home, (and the work of BCY). Pray for Parliament to have integrity and God's guidance and over-ruling, and for peace and unity in our country, that as a Nation we will work together for the common good and for mutual respect.

PRAY for our churches, for gospel outreach, pastoral care, and neighbourhood concerns, and Christian influence in national and local public life.

Please circulate this sheet in whatever way you can.

For more information about Churches Together see our web-site: Churches Together in Bury St. Edmunds and District. For regular information about activities join our google group (instructions are on the web-site).
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SOME NEWS FROM CHURCHES: Thanks to the churches which have sent this information...

Garland Street Baptist Church: We are still working towards meeting together for worship and small groups. For now our pulpit is YouTube! www.garlandstreet.org. During 'lockdown' we have been revising our Vision, in the light of the pandemic and the changes for us all. Some work continues on our hall (Elven Centre)

Please pray for patience to get through these times and the imagination to grow beyond them.

North Bury Team & Lark Valley Churches: Sunday services:

All Saints, Bury - 9am St George's - 9.30am St John's - 11am

No booking required as yet for these services. The Sunday pattern across the Lark Valley is a complicated, depending on the week of the month. There are weekday services too, see the

Home page of our website: <https://www.northburychurches.org.uk/> We also have a weekly

Zoom service at 11am on Sundays, contact clairerose1953@gmail.com

Sunday 1st November All Souls service at All Saints, 3pm booking required,

contact la.langley@btinternet.com

St Mary's & St. Peter's: 9am Family accessible service in St Peter's

9:15 Contemporary Worship in St Mary's 9:30 Morning Prayer live on Facebook

11am Service in St Peter's

11:15 choral service in St Mary's

Details of all the above on our website at www.wearechurch.net/services.

Trinity Methodist Church: We have started holding Sunday morning services. (1st Sunday of the month). We've had about 25. With restrictions we can seat a maximum of 30 single, and 36 if couples attend.

Freedom Church Great Barton: We have settled on a new rhythm here, which we feel will see us through this difficult time and into the new season that God is ushering his church to move into... We are blessed with a coffee shop at Freedom church and so we are facilitating physical gatherings of people twice a month, complimented with groups of 6 meeting for prayer and fellowship. From October onwards our new rhythm will be as follows -
2nd and 4th Sunday Meeting at 10am at Freedom Cafe.

Every other Sunday we will be continue to gather on zoom at 7:30pm

We are also excited to be launching 'Forest Church' for our children and families once a month and a youth cafe every 2nd Saturday. See our Facebook for up-to-date information.

Whepstead Baptist Church: We enjoyed 8 weeks of outdoor services from the start of August, a real blessing to share God's world of nature in our worship as we heard the birds and sheep, and with dry weather and sunshine. Now meeting indoors, we are looking forward to the day when we can sing heartily together! One of the unexpected joys from the pandemic are the Zoom meetings which we have now set up for a prayer meeting on Thursday evenings. This is something we would never have even considered beforehand, but it is proving to be a real blessing. God is good!

Southgate Church: are not yet holding services at the Community Centre but continue to meet via Zoom, sermons are on the web-site: southgatechurch.org.uk

In Horringer Benefice: Sunday services are back to near normal – with all the usual current precautions. There is also a mid-week Zoom morning prayer. The plan is to hold Horringer's Harvest service outside Sun. 18th Oct. weather permitting.