



'WHAT'S HAPPENING & PRAYER SHEET'

June - July 2021

“Continue steadfastly in prayer; being watchful, with thanksgiving; and pray for us [& each other] also that God may open for us a door for the word, that [we] may make it clear.” Colossians 4: 2-3.

COMING UP:

'SHARE & STUDY' SESSION 2: Thursday 10th June 'The Kingdom of God – going forward' 7.45 – 9.00 pm to be led by Rev Mike Simm. 'Zoom' link to follow.
PRAYER MORNING: in July to be arranged 'Zoom' link to follow.

CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING & AGM: Monday 12th July 7.30pm. at Trinity Methodist Church, Brentgovel Street, Bury St. Edmunds. IP33 1EB.

DATE AHEAD:

STILL SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS....

CHURCHES TOGETHER SUMMER CELEBRATION: NOW Sunday 8th August 2021 in The Abbey Gardens. (afternoon).

PLEASE PRAY FOR, AND SUPPORT, THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE!

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

CORONAVIRUS: Pray for the controlling of the Coronavirus pandemic, healing for those ill, and comfort for those dying and those bereaved. Pray for the vaccination programmes. 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. Pray for those away from home.

Pray for our government and 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 with 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).

Still many people in our churches say they don't know about our activities – please recommend that they join the google group for themselves. HC.

Some Encouragements and Concerns from Churches:

- **Christ Church Moreton Hall** up-date:

prayers for CCMH

- 1 Plans for coming out of lock down are progressing
- 2 The safe return of all the groups who use and hire our building
- 3 Thanks for our rainbow appeal - nearly 200 rainbows were sent in
- 4 Thanksgiving for all our faithful servant leaders - Sunday school and Youth work, and those producing our Facebook services
- 5 Thanksgiving for our APCM and our new PCC
- 6 Thanksgiving for our new lay reader Liz
- 7 Thanksgiving for our Pentecost Service and a big move of the Holy Spirit.

- **From St George's:**

Please can folks continue to pray for our work with families at St George's, as restrictions are gradually lifted and we come out of lockdown.

We are trying to grow our family service following on from our 'Messy Churches', pre-lockdown. We started at Christmas 2020 and then we held another family service at Easter time. We are now planning a 'Father's Day' service in June.

We are a small, friendly church but the majority of our regular congregation are over 60.

So, we are really needing to grow our connection with local families.

Your prayers for this will be much appreciated.

Thank you. Blessings, Val.

- **From Vineyard:**

Bouncing Forward Tour with Kintsugi Hope

On **Thursday 8th July** at West Suffolk Vineyard Church from 7.30 – 9 pm

Cost £5 plus booking fee. For more details and tickets go to www.kintsugihope.com/tour

Kintsugi Hope is a Christian charity based in the UK striving to make a difference to people's mental wellbeing. They are committed to providing help and support in society, mostly through churches – helping mental and emotional health to be understood and accepted, with safe and supportive communities for everyone to grow and flourish. You can find out more about them here <https://www.kintsugihope.com/>

Bouncing Forward Tour event will be run by Patrick Regan OBE and the Kintsugi Hope team. The main focus will be on **courage, resilience and change** as we process all that this last year has brought. We believe there is something for everyone here. The evening is suitable for people of faith and no faith – so a real opportunity for us to bring along friends.

- **For St Peter's:** -

News Item – We give thanks that from Pentecost Sunday we are able to have two services on a Sunday morning at St Peter's. The 9:30am service will have activities for children and families. The 11:00am service will be livestreamed to Zoom for those still needing or wanting to be at home to sing along to the songs

Concern for Prayer – We pray that families will feel they can engage again with services and with the church family.

Thank you, Andy.

- **For Horringer Benefice:** pray for the continuing growth of Bible studies on 'Zoom', and the extension of our church Pastoral Care involvement with those both in, and, as yet, outside of church.