



'WHAT'S ON & PRAYER SHEET'

March - April '22.

“Love one another... forgive one another... bear one another’s burdens... pray without ceasing ... preach the gospel... don’t be ashamed.”
[John 13:34; Col. 3:13; Gal. 6:2; 1 Thess. 5:17; Mark 16:15; Rom. 1:16.]

Coming Up:

PRAYER BREAKFAST / MORNING: Saturday 19th March from 9.30 at The Salvation Army Hall, St. John’s St. Bury, IP33 1SP.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PLATINUM JUBILEE CROSS TRAIL Town & District from 1st April (details, quiz sheets etc will be available on request)

GOOD FRIDAY UNITED WALK OF WITNESS EVENT in the morning of **Friday 15th April** starting at The Cathedral at **10 .30.** Details to follow.

CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING Monday 25th April at 7.30.pm. venue to be confirmed.

Dates Ahead:

SHARE & STUDY GROUPS to be arranged. (May)

CHURCHES TOGETHER SUMMER CELEBRATION in the Abbey Gardens in the afternoon of **Sunday 26th June.** Details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR, AND SUPPORT, THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE. Also.....

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.

PRAY FOR THE SITUATION IN UKRAINE & RUSSIA and for Refugees, all countries where there is conflict, insecurity, and hunger.

PRAY for our government and for Parliament to have integrity, humility and wisdom, and for 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.

HEALTH: Pray for the on-going control of Coronavirus, healing for those ill, comfort for those bereaved, and for those for whom there are still immunity-compromised problems. Pray for local businesses and those who have lost their employment, and those who are without a secure home.

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, Notices and Prayer Requests from Churches/Organisations:

The Cathedral: AN EVENING OF SOLIDARITY FOR UKRAINE on **Wednesday 9th March**
6.30 pm (poetry, prayers & music) with donations for the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for Ukraine.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral (the Norman Tower) will play host to the 12 bell striking competition on Saturday 26 March 2022.

BURY CHRISTIAN YOUTH (BCY) Celebration on **Saturday 12th March** 6.00-7.30 pm at Vineyard Church, 28 Northern Way, Bury, IP32 6NL

From St George's:

Please can we ask for continued prayer for the building up of our work with families.

We are holding our next Family service on Palm Sunday at 3pm, and booking is needed with me Rev Val by 6th April please.

The Mead Singers are also coming to St George's this year and will be with us on the 3rd April, Passion Sunday, at 3pm, for a service of meditation and song.

Again booking is required with me by 30th March please. Thank you.

From St Edmund's RC Church:

Online Retreat for Lent with Fr Denis McBride C.Ss. R. will begin on Thursday 10th March in the Crypt at St Edmunds Church at 7.30 pm and will continue for six consecutive weeks. We will follow this retreat together, meeting for coffee/tea, followed by the online presentation and opening for discussion and sharing together. The topics each week are as follows –

1. In the wilderness 10th March
2. At the well 17th March
3. On the mountain 24th March
4. Along the road 29th March
5. At table 7th April
6. On the cross 12th April

We aim to finish by 9.00 pm and all welcome, even if you cannot make every week. Everyone welcome.

Lent Hunger Lunches

These will take place on the Fridays in Lent in the Crypt of St Edmunds RC Church from 12.30 – 1.30, beginning on 4th March. Homemade soup, bread, tea and coffee will be provided. No charge, but donations will go to our twin parish, Siem Reap, in Cambodia, except for Friday 11th March, when donations will go to CAFOD. Everyone Welcome.

Garland Street Baptist Church:

Renew Wellbeing (RWB)Cafe space, every Wednesday 2-4pm in the church lounge. We have had a 'soft launch' of this within the church family, and the sessions are proving very positive. For us to be confident to expand this into the community, however, we need more volunteer Hosts. Training available. Hosts' duties are helping set up and run the RWB Cafe space, and gentle guiding conversation to positive issues such as what we feel thankful for, what has gone well for us etc.

More information can be found on the RWB website www.renewwellbeing.org.uk in the first instance. If you would like to explore this further, please then [email Jane.jennison@garlandstreet.org.uk](mailto:jane.jennison@garlandstreet.org.uk)

Whepstead Baptist Church (with churches in the local area) Lent course on 5 Wednesday evenings from 9th March 7.30. 'On This Rock'. ALL WELCOME.

The Churches Together Weekly Column in the Bury Free Press

Please pray for the people on the rota for writing this column, and for those who read it! You can find it early in the 'Community' section of the Paper. This is a good opportunity to bring the Christian message to our community. Please let me know (corbell.hm@gmail.com) if you would like to join the rota, and which Churches Together affiliated Church/Organisation you are part of. Thanks to Peter for his consistent work in organising this, also thanks to Helen as part of the editorial team. Also thanks to the BFP.

HC.