



'WHAT'S ON & PRAYER SHEET'

May - June '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:

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Sunday 15th – Sunday 22nd. May.

Final STUDY & SHARE SESSION: Wednesday 25th May 7.30-8.30 at Whepstead Baptist Church. IP29 4TB. ‘Encounter with God’.

QUEEN’S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – Thursday 2nd- Sunday 5th June many churches & communities having special events, of praise, celebration and outreach.

PRAYER BREAKFAST: Saturday 11th June from 8.45. at The Vineyard Church, 28 Northern Way Bury, IP32 6NL.

CHURCHES TOGETHER PLATINUM JUBILEE CROSS TRAIL on-going Town & District (Map & Quiz sheets are available on request, and at the Apex and Tourist Office on Angel Hill).

CHURCHES TOGETHER SUMMER CELEBRATION Sunday 26th June. 1.30-3.30 in the **Abbey Gardens** followed by **Songs of Praise service 3.30-4.15.**

Date Ahead:

CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING & AGM. Monday 25th July at 7.30.pm. at St. Edmund’s Church, 21 Westgate St. Bury, IP33 1QG.

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

Give thanks for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, her example of service and faith, 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: St Edmundsbury 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:

From The Cathedral: Part of the Cathedral's Benedictine celebration this weekend is a Procession into the Abbey ruins crypt on Sunday afternoon (15 May). You are welcome to join this ecumenical, special occasion which includes Bishop Martin Seeley, Bishop Alan Hopes and visiting monks and nuns. We are hoping for a large, fun procession of people from across our community highlighting together the Christian heritage of the town. The Procession is part of the Service which begins in the Cathedral at 3.30 pm. Simply come to the Cathedral or join the procession once we emerge on to Angel Hill and head for the Abbey Gate.

From St. Mary's: Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion at St Mary's Bury St Edmunds at 6pm on Thursday 26th May at 6pm (N.B.). Preacher: Dean Joe from the Cathedral. Music from the Combined Choirs of St Mary's and the Cathedral. The service concludes (weather permitting) at the Abbey ruins and is followed by refreshments at Pilgrims Kitchen. All welcome.

From Freedom Church Great Barton:

- FREEDOM CAFE IS OPEN WEEK DAYS 9.30-4PM. THE CAFE IS OPEN TO ALL. THERE ARE EVENTS RUNNING THROUGH EACH WEEK, WHETHER IT BE FOR THE YOUNG OR THE YOUNG AT HEART.
- ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 10.30AM COFFEE & TESTIMONY TAKES PLACE
- ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 10.30AM WORSHIP & WORD. MUDDY & WILD RUNS ALONGSIDE FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS
- EVERY 6TH SUNDAY IS PRAYER:BRING:SHARE
- WEDNESDAYS (DURING TERM TIME) FREEDOM TOTS ENJOY PLAY TIME TOGETHER
- EVERY 2ND FRIDAY WE HAVE YOUTH CAFE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 11-18
- STILL GOOD FOOD IS OPEN ON A TUESDAY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY - PLEASE CHECK THEIR WEBSITE FOR OPENING TIMES
- THE HONEYPOT CAFE RUNS EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10.30AM
- TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

From St George's:

We continue to ask for prayer for our work with children and families.

Our next family service is planned for Sunday 3rd July at 3pm.

We pray too for those seeking baptism and for our newly confirmed member of the congregation.

We pray for the mission of the church to grow in the surrounding area.

From Bridge Community Church: We at Bridge Community Church would very much appreciate prayer as we look to redevelop and update our West Rd building into becoming a community hub for the west side of Bury. We praise God for over £20k in donations that has already come in but we have a long way to go as we look to redevelop our basement from a food bank and into a community grocery, upgrade kitchen, toilets and foyer area as well as other office spaces. We pray for Lord's wisdom and provision as we make these changes in the coming months.

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.

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