



'WHAT'S ON & PRAYER SHEET'

July - August '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:

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

Date Ahead: CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING & AGM. September, date and venue to be confirmed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR, AND SUPPORT, THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE, and especially the election and appointing of a new Team at the AGM. Also....

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

PRAY for our government, for the campaigning and selection for a new Prime Minister. Pray 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.

PRAY for fair handling of the cost of living for all our people

PRAY for national security, police, and all our emergency services.

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.

The Churches Together Weekly Column in the Bury Free Press

Please pray for the writers, editors and readers this weekly column. 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 all involved.

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 St George's:

St George's is hoping to start Messy Church again in the Autumn.

Please pray that we have enough helpers and interested families to make this viable.

Please continue to hold our 2 newly baptised Iranian refugees in your prayers.

Perhaps we can pray for all recently baptised people...all those new to the faith...and let us pray for all refugees in our town. We are running a quiz evening at St George's, with Ploughman's Supper on Saturday 23rd July...please ask Val Gagen for details if you are interested.

An initiative in Bury called **EPIC Dad**, is being organised by Richard Keeble. I can give contact details if required. He says: 'It would be great to make a connection with Churches in Bury St Edmunds as a lot of my work with dads now will be based on the St Olave's Ward. Please let me know if I can be a support to anything that may be happening for families in the local communities.'

From Bridge Community Church:

Here are some praise and prayer requests from Bridge Community Church ...

Praise as on a weekend campout for teenagers this month, 1 teen asked to become a Christian, and 5 others wanted to re-dedicate their lives back to Christ.

Praise for the growing community partnerships developing as we hosted a recent residents' association meeting as a church and this is leading to some exciting future possibilities to benefit the west side of Bury.

Prayer for the continued development of our West Road site building to turn into a community hub as the work on the basement continues for it to be upgraded from a foodbank and into a community grocery.

Prayer for continued favour with local councillors to help us move forward with our community hub upgrades on our West Road site building.

From the Bury Drop-In:

Here are some general prayer points:

We give thanks for all the volunteers, loyal supporters, prayer partners and wonderful provisions for the Drop-in. Praise the Lord!

Please continue to pray...

- for the two staff, trustees and managers that we may have the wisdom of God as we serve people in complex circumstances.

- for the safety of each session on Tuesdays and Fridays

- for vital partnership with agencies, local businesses, local government who bring valuable resources.

- that the Holy Spirit will sustain Godly compassion as we serve with generous hearts.

- that the Lord will be glorified through the BDI.

From Christ Church Moreton Hall:

Pre-School Group - we continue to give thanks for our new parent and toddler group called 'Stay and Play' which attracts 40+ young children and 30+ adults. We thank God for blessing us in this way and we would like to see more leaders as we transition this group from Wednesdays to Fridays, we need sufficient staff to be able to hold it on a weekly basis rather than a fortnightly one.

New Home Groups – we are very pleased to have been able to start a new home group on Thursday evenings which is well attended. We hope to have a new daytime group starting on Tuesday mornings in September. Please pray both of these will be well supported and we will have the right leaders for them.

New youth group – we give thanks to God for a new group for teenagers starting on Sunday afternoons from 4.00 – 6.00. Again, we need prayer for the right leaders to run this.

New facilities at the church - Firstly, we thank God for the new plasma screen which is enhancing our worship, and for all the people who helped to pay for it and to erect it. We also give thanks for the seat outside the church which is widely used by people who are able to rest, relax and pray. We ask that this should not be damaged or misused in any way and that it will continue to be a blessing to the local community.

We also give thanks for increased attendances at our services and look forward to seeing what God is going to do amongst us through the summer period.

Prayer Evening - finally, we ask prayer for a special evening of prayer on **13th July** when we call out to God for further vision and guidance as we give Him thanks for all He has done, and is continuing to do, amongst us over the last year as we come out of Covid.

Healing Weekend - we pray we can be a blessing to other churches and as such give advance notice of a Healing Weekend to be held on 22nd, 23rd and 24th September. We will be inviting Revd. David Perrett who will train and lead in healing prayer. There will be at least one special service for the whole of the town so that anyone with particular healing needs can come to be prayed for in an informal but powerful way. Please put this event in your diaries and pray for it. If you know anyone in need of prayer, please come along so we can ask for God's Holy Spirit to reach out to touch them.