



## **'WHAT'S ON & PRAYER SHEET'**

**December '22.- January '23.**

**“Seek the welfare of the [town] where I have sent you, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare, you will find your welfare.” [ Jeremiah 29: 7. ]**

**“Pray without ceasing... preach the gospel.... don't be ashamed.”**

**[ 1 Thess. 5:17; Mark 16:15; Rom. 1:16. ]**

### **Coming Up:**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER DEDICATION of the NATIVITY TABLEAU on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 6.00 pm.** at Angel Hill. (between the Abbey Gate and the Cathedral.). This will be brief with thanks to those involved and short prayers. ALL welcome.

### **Dates Ahead:**

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** Launch service **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 6.30.pm** at Bridge Church, West Road, Bury, IP33 3EW. Leader: David Oakley; Preacher: Rev. Max Osborne

And all the following weekday lunch-time Prayers at various venues – see separate details.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January '23** at St Edmund's Church Crypt, Westgate Street, Bury, IP33 1QG.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR, AND SUPPORT, THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE, and those involved in leading them. Please also pray for the appointing of a new Chair for Churches Together.**

**PRAY** for the Churches Together '**Warm Rooms**'. There is a schedule of venues, days, times and things available on our website. Pray that these will be well used and a blessing to many people.

**PRAY** for our government. 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, and for energy supplies, and for national security, police, and all our emergency services.

**PRAY** for our churches, for gospel outreach, especially with the opportunity for **Christmas events**, 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 of this weekly column. This is a good opportunity to bring the Christian message to our community. Please let me know ([corbell.hm@gmail.com](mailto: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 all involved.

**PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS SHEET IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN.**

**For more information about Churches Together see our website:**

[together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/stedmundsbury](http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/stedmundsbury)

**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 Bridge Community Church:**

Thanks for the opportunity to share in the prayer info' and so this is what we have from Bridge Community Church ...

1. We are basing a lot of our Christmas activities around the theme of 'Presents v Presence' and so we hope and pray that in everything we do over the Christmas period, people will be touched by and respond rightly to the Immanuel presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. In January we are launching some new initiatives with Suffolk Council Family Hubs department and so please pray that God will use these initiatives to strengthen families on the west side of Bury. Thank you.

**From the Bury Drop-In:**

The Drop-in will continue serving our homeless and vulnerably housed guests over Christmas and New Year. In particular we look forward to a Christmas dinner session on December 23rd. We want to thank everyone who supported BDI at the Christmas lights charity event. Both our General Manager and Communications manager will be taking some annual leave over Christmas, so please to pray for them.

We continue to welcome a steady stream of new guests being registered.

Please pray for:

- Church and organisation visits often conducted by Robert and Sabine
- Development of a new funding strategy for 2023
- Recruiting and setting in new volunteers
- Guests, some of who will be spending cold nights on the streets.

If you would like a visit to your church or organisation for some encouragement and an update on the drop in, please do contact us

([info@burydropin.org](mailto:info@burydropin.org) or visit [www.burydropin.org](http://www.burydropin.org))

**From St George's:**

Just to say that prayers for building up our work with families and children would be wonderful please?

We are having a Christmas Messy Church on Sunday 18th December from 3 to 5pm.

All families are welcome.

Then a note for January to encourage fellowship and bringing people together.....

We are holding a coffee morning for the Children's Society on Monday 30th January where everyone will have the opportunity to make a Christingle.

There may even be Christingle cakes on offer...all welcome from 9.30am till 11.15am when we will bless the Christingles. Many thanks.

**From Horringer Church: Angels Festival**

**Advent & Christmas Services**  
St Leonard's Church

Sunday 4 December (Advent 2) 11.15am  
All-Age CHRISTINGLE Service

Sunday 11 December (Advent 3) 11.15am Eucharist Service

Sunday 18 December (Advent 4) 11.15am Nine Lessons & Carols

Saturday 24 December CHRISTMAS EVE 5pm  
Candlelit Crib Service  
Bring a Torch  
Children and young people invited to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds

Sunday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY 11.15am Family Eucharist Service  
Bring a Torch

Sunday 1 January NEW YEAR'S DAY 10.00am Said Eucharist Benefice Service

**Horringer Angel Festival**  
St Leonard's Church

**CAROLS & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

After watching the switch-on of the Horringer Christmas Tree lights on the Green at 4pm, enjoy a warm mince pie and mulled wine in the church amongst the angels.  
Sit and enjoy the angelic voices of the Ickworth Park Primary School Choir and Horringer Singers at 6pm.

**Friday 2 December**  
4 - 6pm  
FREE EVENT / DONATIONS WELCOME  
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

**Horringer Angel Festival**  
St Leonard's Church

**CROISSANTS, COFFEE & CHAT**

Start your day beneath and amongst the angels in Horringer Church ... and relax with friends over a coffee and delicious pastry.

Wednesday 7 December 9 - 11.30am

FREE EVENT  
DONATIONS WELCOME  
NO BOOKING REQUIRED

**Horringer Angel Festival**  
St Leonard's Church

**Afternoon Tea & Mini CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
Saturday 10 December 2-4pm

Enjoy the Christmas atmosphere amongst the stalls and indulge in an Afternoon Tea with delicious scones and cakes.

Cake stall Knitted goods

Grand Christmas Raffle being drawn at 4pm

Pray for all the churches which are joining in with a 'Warm rooms' initiative, as above.

See the schedule on our web-site. **Do ask, if you need more details about any of the above.**  
**HC.**