



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

**February - March '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 PRAYER EVENT: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March** time and venue to be confirmed.

### **Dates Ahead:**

**GOOD FRIDAY event: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.30** at the **Cathedral, Walk of Witness, 11.15** at the Market Square.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** at **7.30pm.** venue to be arranged.

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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 our emergency services.

**PRAY** for our churches, for gospel outreach, pastoral care, and neighbourhood concerns, and Christian influence in national and local public life.

**PRAY** especially for the several churches running **Alpha courses** and **Lent Bible study courses** over the next few weeks. If you invite someone who can't manage that day of the week, then do take them to a group at another church! (see next page). We are about the whole Kingdom of God, after all!

### **The Churches Together Weekly Column in the Bury Free Press**

Please pray for the writers, editors and readers of this weekly column. This brings the Christian message to our community. 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 Freedom Church, Great Barton:**

WHAT'S ON

@FREEDOM BIG GATHERINGS FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday 26th February - Worship and Word @ 10:30am Speaker: Trevor Harrington

SMALL EXPRESSIONS Sunday 5th February Sunday 19th February

If you are not a part of a Small Expression group and would like to be please

contact the church office [hello@freedomchurch.org.uk](mailto:hello@freedomchurch.org.uk) and we will place you in a local group.

Friday 24th February: Worship Evening @ 7:45pm Everyone is invited to an evening of relaxed praise and worship, delving deeper into the presence of God together at Freedom Church

KIDS - Sunday 12th February - Kids Ministry @ Coffee and Testimony Gathering

Sunday 26th February - Muddy and Wild Family Ministry @ Worship and Word Gathering

YOUTH - Friday 3rd February - Youth Life 7:30pm - 9:30pm @ Summers Road

Friday 10th February - Youth Cafe ESCAPE THE ROOM. Booking essential via Eventbrite

Friday 17th February - Youth Life 7:30pm - 9:30pm @ Summers Road

For more information about Youth activities at Freedom contact Hannah and Adam Brown

[freedomyouth601@gmail.com](mailto:freedomyouth601@gmail.com)

### **From St George's:**

We continue to ask for prayer for our family and children's work on the estates please.

We are holding a Lent Messy Church on Sunday 5th March from 3-5pm.

Our Warm Space is open every Monday afternoon from 2.30-4.30pm.

We have a regular group of knitters who come and we are currently knitting prem baby hats for the Rosie Maternity Hospital in Cambridge.

But anyone is welcome to pop in for a chat and a free cuppa along with chocolate biscuits.

### **From the Bury Drop-In:**

We have much to be thankful for during 2022 and challenges to look forward to in 2023

We give thanks for:

Christmas - with great volunteer support, many gifts for BDI guests and an amazing Christmas dinner session.

Donations big and small - each gift represents an investment in guests many of whom come to us at rock-bottom.

Dental care being provided by the community dental service. A costly investment (£1,250 per visit) to the drop in but invaluable to guests.

A new project – women's coffee morning, recognising that homeless women are often the subject of abuse.

All who are part of the drop in family - volunteers, guests, employees, trustees, supporters and donors. Each one is precious.

For all partners and agencies we work with. From access to food parcels and a launderette to healthcare and benefits (and more!)

Please pray with us for:

Funding for Bury Drop In. We're prayerfully looking for funding from individuals, churches, local government and grants to sustain this vital work. It's a difficult financial climate and our costs are typically £5k-£6k per month.

For trustees and employees as we negotiate the challenging environment of homelessness.

Guests in recovery from addiction and those waiting to start a programme or access rehab.

Pray for the dental programme. We can only continue this if we can attract specific funding.

The women's coffee morning project

For new volunteers being integrated into the team and established volunteers bringing invaluable insight, experience and faith.

Pray that guests, volunteers, supporters and all who come into contact with the drop in will experience and get an insight into the life-changing love of God that comes to us through Jesus.

### **From St Edmund's Church:**

#### **LENT HUNGER LUNCHESES**

Will take place on the Fridays of Lent from 12.30-1.30pm in the crypt at St Edmunds, Westgate Street (beginning on the 24<sup>th</sup> February). Home-made soups, bread and fruit, tea and coffee. Donations will go to Siem Reap, Cambodia, except for Friday 3rd March when it will be for CAFOD. All are welcome.

**PRAY for all the churches running Alpha courses:** including **St Mary's on Wednesday evenings, Southgate: Monday evenings** and **Garland Street Baptist Church: Thursday evenings.**

**See note on first page.**

**Do ask, if you would like more details about any of the above. Heather Corbell: [corbell.hm@gmail.com](mailto:corbell.hm@gmail.com)**