



'WHAT'S ON & PRAYER SHEET'

April - May '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 GOOD FRIDAY event: **Friday 7th April 10.30** at the **Cathedral, Walk of Witness**, and **11.15** at the **Market Square**. PLEASE publicise, pray, come, support. See attached poster / flyer.

CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING: **Monday 24th April** at **7.30pm.** at the **Salvation Army Hall, St. John's Street, Bury, IP33 1SP.**

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 **follow-up** 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) 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

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 Southgate Church:

Easter Reflection Services: Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April, 7.30pm in Southgate Church Centre.

Maundy Thursday 6th. Communion Service, 7.30pm in Church Centre.

From Bridge Church – at Westley

On April 2nd Bridge Community Church, Westley is hosting its 3rd Messy event called Messy Easter, aimed at primary school aged children. At the last Messy event over 40 children and their families came, and we are hoping to reach even more children and families this time. Details of venue – please check with the church:

beverley@bridgecommunitychurch.co.uk

We would value your prayers for this and future Messy events, that good contacts with children and their families would be made and that they would encounter something of God's love for them. Thank you.

From Bridge Church, West Road.

Praise for the continued engagement with the local community by Bridge Community Church as it's partnerships with the Council and Social Services continue to grow. Please pray for the renovation of the church's kitchen in April so that something may be created to enhance hospitality, care for people and helping overcome food poverty.

Praise for the discipleship training weekend for Bridge Community Church on 14-16th April and please pray that a Jesus imitating discipleship culture will emerge across the church.

From Freedom Church, Great Barton:

Launching Alpha on 17th April – every Monday from 12.00 pm.

More information from Jess Corbett café@freedopmchurch.org.uk

Youth Friday evenings: 7th, 14th, 21st. April - contact Hannah & Adam Brown

freedomyouth601@gmail.com

For other information from Freedom Church, Great Barton join the church 'What's App' group – contact Mike Long 07840 038378

From St George's:

We will be holding our final warm space at St George's on Monday 3rd April.

We decided to have a celebration 'bring and share' tea party. All welcome from 2.30-4.30pm.

There is talk of having a monthly coffee morning at the church instead of warm spaces.....more details to follow.

But here is an advance notice ...

We hope to hold a special coffee morning at St George's to raise money for Cancer UK, on Monday 5th June. Again, more details to follow.

And we continue to ask for prayers for our children and family work....plans are afoot to hold our next Messy Church on Sunday 18th June.

PRAY for all the churches still running Alpha courses:

(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