



'WHAT'S ON & PRAYER SHEET'

October - November '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 Annual Greeting between churches during October

PRAYER MORNING: Saturday 25th November – venue and timing to be arranged.

Sunday 10th December: Churches Together Advent at the Cathedral starting with tea together from 4.30, followed by a service at 5.15.pm. (do ask if you would like the poster / slide to publicise this).

Dates ahead:

CHURCHES TOGETHER MEETING: Monday 8th January '24 at 7.30pm. at Vineyard Church, Northern Way, IP32 6NL.

Sunday 21st. January '24: Launch service Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Mary's church, Bury.

Sunday 24th March: Bury Christian Youth Celebration.

PLEASE PRAY FOR, AND SUPPORT, THE EVENTS LISTED ABOVE, and those involved in leading them.

Give thanks for the appointing of new Chair for Churches Together, Helen Moore, and all the elected officers and support team, and please support them in prayer.

PRAY as a partnership with all our churches, and for all our Churches, in their regular activities; for gospel outreach, pastoral care, and neighbourhood concerns, and Christian influence in local life.

PRAY for our government. Pray for Parliament to have integrity, humility and wisdom, and for God's guidance and over-ruling, and for peace, safety and unity in our country, that as a Nation we will work together for the common good, and with mutual respect.

Pray for the managing of the effects of climate change, for fair handling of the cost-of-living, for energy supplies, for national security, for public and emergency services.

PRAY especially for churches planning and running **Special Christmas events.**

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 WAYS 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 FAIR TRADE:

Bury St Edmunds Fairtrade Partnership Coffee Morning will be on **Saturday 21 October** 10.00 - 12 noon at Trinity Methodist Church, Brentgovel St. Bury St Edmunds. (A renewed 'Fairtrade Community' certificate was awarded in July).

FROM ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, Anselm Avenue:

Sunday 8th October...Harvest celebration at 3.00 pm. with the Norton Salvation Army band, all welcome.
Monday 30th October...MacMillan coffee morning at St George's with cakes and bring and buy...9.30-11.30am
Sunday 19th November...Mead singers concert....St George's at 3pm.
Saturday 25th November....St George's Grand Christmas Fayre....11.30-2.30pm....
Warm Rooms starting in October with a monthly coffee/ craft morning in the Lady Chapel at St George's from 9.30-11.30am. All welcome for free cuppa and a chat, bring a craft to do if you wish. This will be every 1st Monday of the month from October onwards.
Everyone is welcome to any of our events.

ST EDMUND'S RC CHURCH, Westgate Street:

We thank and pray for Fr's David and Walter who have now left St Edmund's, and we welcome our new parish priest Fr Sean Connolly and assistant Fr Mark Ashwood who have just joined us.

Also, a 'Reflection Day': **Encounter God, the Father** - a day reflecting on Matthew 6: 9 - 13 and with a guided time for personal prayer and reflection.

Saturday 14th October 2023 - 10.45 - 16.30. In the Crypt, St Edmund's Church.

Tea/coffee/biscuits from 9.30 and throughout the day. Please bring your own lunch.

FROM BRIDGE & WESTLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH (West Road).

Pray for a sense of God's presence in our Multiple Celebration times in October as we have:

- a. Harvest Sunday on 8th October to celebrate with Ukrainian refugees and all goods given will go towards our church Community Grocery (food bank).
- b. Vision Sunday 15th October as we consider what the Lord seems to be doing in and through us.
- c. Hallowe'en Light Stops on 31st October as we bring light, hospitality, and connection to our community.

Pray for God given wisdom and insight as we move forward with vision casting and budgeting for 2024.

FOR ALL SAINTS', Park Road.

Harvest weekend 7/8th October with BSE Youth Concert Band 'Last Night of the Proms' at 6.30pm on Saturday 7th. This is a joyous occasion. This is followed on Sunday with our Harvest Festival Services at 8.00 and 9.30am.

29th October - All Souls Service of Remembrance for those who have died. We usually welcome people to the church who we do not see at other times.

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, Fornham Road is quite an International church with worshippers from most corners of the globe. Because of which, we are holding an International Day on Saturday, 28th October, when members and visitors are encouraged to attend in some item of national dress. There will be a lunch featuring foods from the various countries. Main meeting at 11:15 with lunch to follow. All welcome.

Please continue to pray for all our regular inter-church organisations and projects:

The Bury Drop-In, the Bury Town Pastors, the W.S. Hospital Chaplaincy, Bury Christian Youth, the Food Banks, and others.

Do ask, if you would like more details about any of the above. Heather Corbell:
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