



### **Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for March 2016.**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4v6-7

Please pray for:

- Good Friday – Churches walking down to the Cathedral for a combined service at 10.30 am – a new initiative.
- Easter Day services – across the diocese
- West Suffolk Vineyard Church – Good Friday Testimony Service – please pray for God’s blessing on the testimonies given and that those who don’t as yet know Jesus would be drawn closer to him.
- all those affected by the floods and storms, especially for the elderly as they attempt to rebuild their homes.
- the work of the churches in supporting and highlighting the needs of the homeless and refugees. Please give thanks for them, as well as the ongoing work through food banks and the Drop In Project at Garland Street .
- the youth work would grow and prosper.
- the lent group programmes in the various churches
- small Church – new weekly service for children/parents/carers – Mondays at 3.30 pm at St Johns Church.
- Syrian refugees arriving in Ipswich in the next few weeks.

Jean Bruce writes:

“WS Hospital Chaplaincy would appreciate prayers of thankfulness for our hospital volunteers who fulfil so many vital roles here and who bless the work of Chaplaincy in so many ways. Please pray that they will find strength and encouragement as they work to support us, and pray that we will be led to use their services to glorify God and show His love. Please pray for more people to step forward to support our work, particularly as we seek to cover more areas within the hospital and offer wards and departments more support than we are able to at this present time.”

Jonathan Ford writes:

Christ Church AGM 16th March election of P CC and new church wardens

Praise for success - our preaching series on Discipleship

Praise for £10,000 grants for Church repairs

You may wish to visit our website: <http://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/stedmundsbury/> .

If you have a subject needing prayer or something to offer in praise, please email Jenny at [jennytroll615@btinternet.com](mailto:jennytroll615@btinternet.com). We produce a Prayer and Praise Sheet each month – and it is a great way to celebrate God’s work as well as bringing attention to projects and services in your church.

**Upcoming events for prayer and reflection:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue/Church or Organiser</b>	<b>Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers</b>
Monday	29 February – 13 March	Fairtrade fortnight	<i>Please pray for all the Fairtrade initiatives that will be taking place during this time</i>
Tuesday	7:30 pm 01 Mar	Cathedral John Parr	<i>Cathedral Tuesday Evening Lent Lectures - Canon Chris Burden – Sacred violence</i>
Wednesday	2 March 2-5.00 & 7-9.00	All Saints	<i>St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Spirituality Group event – Jane Williams on “Praying for others”</i>
Friday	04 Mar		<i>Women’s World Day of Prayer</i>
Monday	7 March 7.30 pm	Christ Church, Moreton Hall	<i>Thingoe Deanery Synod</i>
Tuesday	7:30 pm 08 Mar	Cathedral John Parr	<i>Cathedral Tuesday Evening Lent Lectures - Rt Rev Martin Seeley – The religious roots of genocide</i>
Wed-Fri	09 – 11 Mar	Cathedral Philip Banks	<i>Feed the Soul – a retreat -led by Bishop Time Steven at Belsey Bridge.</i>
Sunday	13 March 3.00 pm	St George’s Church Anselm Avenue	<i>Music for Passiontide with the Mead Singers</i>
Sunday	13 March 10.00 am	Trinity Methodist church	<i>Patrick Muthaura – tea producer from Kenya</i>
Sunday	13 March 3.00 pm	The Centre, St Johns Street	<i>Patrick Muthaura – tea producer from Kenya – all welcome</i>
Tuesday	7:30 pm 15 Mar	Cathedral John Parr	<i>Cathedral Tuesday Evening Lent Lectures - Prof Clive Rowland – Not peace but a sword – Jesus and Violence</i>
Friday	25 March Good Friday 10.30 am	Churches walking together to Cathedral for service, hot cross buns afterwards at Garland Street	<i>People in the streets taking notice</i>
Saturday	9 April 8-9.45 am	St Edmunds Catholic Church	Prayer Breakfast – please contact Eilish Heath
Monday	7.30 pm 11 April	Garland Street Baptist Church	Churches Together Committee Meeting – All very welcome to attend
Wednesday	7 – 9 pm 20 April	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share – A series of 4 sessions Matt Busby – Ministry to Children</i>
Wednesday	7 – 9 pm 27 April	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share – A series of 4 sessions Joel Forster – Ministry in the workplace</i>
Wednesday	7 – 9 pm 04 May	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share – A series of 4 sessions Graham Jack – Ministry to families</i>
Wednesday	7 – 9 pm 11 May	All Saints Church David Wakeford	<i>Study and Share – A series of 4 sessions Sharon (St Nicholas Hospice) – title to be decided</i>
Saturday	7:00 pm 18 June	St Marys Church Malcolm Rogers	<i>Come Together service – a wonderful opportunity to meet together to worship, pray and hear God’s word.</i>
Wednesday	21 September	United Peace Day	