



Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for May 2016.

I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121 v 1-2

Christ Church would ask for prayers as follows:

"Christ Church gives thanks for the new PCC and pray they will know God's direction and blessing.

We thank God for the work of the Parish Nurse, Lesley Williams, and the great blessing she is to so many in the church and in the community.

We continue to pray for God's direction in the establishment of the Prayer Room and in the prayer initiatives during the coming weeks, especially during the Novena (Ascension to Pentecost)."

Prayer and Praise from West Suffolk Hospital Chaplaincy :

Please pray for our patients and staff, and for the Chaplaincy volunteers who visit on the wards every weekday. They make the lives of those on the wards that much easier, and we pray that God will put the right words in their mouths as they seek to meet the needs of those they meet. We praise God for bringing more people into the Chapel, seeking answers, conversation and support.

Other items:

- 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.
- small Church – new weekly service for children/parents/carers – Mondays at 3.30 pm at St Johns Church.

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. 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:

| Day | Date | Venue/Church or Organiser | Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers |
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| Sunday | 1 May | Cathedral | <i>Confirmation service</i> |
| Wednesday | 04 May 7-9.00 pm | All Saints Church David Wakeford | <i>Study and Share</i> – A series of 4 sessions Graham Jack – Ministry to families |
| Sunday-Friday | 8-13 May | North Bury and Lark Valley Churches | <i>Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne</i> |
| Wednesday | 11 May 7-9.00 pm | All Saints Church David Wakeford | <i>Study and Share</i> – A series of 4 sessions Sharon (St Nicholas Hospice) – title to be decided |
| Sunday-Sunday | 15-22 May | | <i>Christian Aid Week</i> |
| Thursday | 26 May | St Johns Church | <i>Corpus Christi service with Bishop Martin Seeley</i> |
| Sunday | 29 May 3.00 pm | St Marys Church | <i>Town Memorial Service</i> |
| Saturday | 18 June 7.00 pm | St Marys Church Malcolm Rogers | <i>Come Together service</i> – a wonderful opportunity to meet together to worship, pray and hear God's word. |
| Saturday | 25 June 8-10.00 am | Trinity Methodist Church | <i>Prayer Breakfast</i> Please contact David Wakeford if attending |
| Saturday | 2 July 10-4.00 | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | <i>Exploring Prayer</i> |
| Monday | 11 July 7.00 pm | Vineyard Centre Out Westgate | <i>Churches Together AGM</i> 7.00 pm Bring and share buffet, Meeting to follow at 7.30 pm Everyone is very welcome. |
| Wednesday | 21 September | United Peace Day | |