



**CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**IN BURY ST EDMUNDS AND DISTRICT**

**Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for December 2016.**

**The Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Ps 32 v 10**

**Quakers**

A Quaker prayer:

Can I live in awareness of the divine love,  
That is the source of all being?  
Being pulled this way and that,  
Can I stop, not just in stillness,  
But in awareness of this love?

Catching myself in so many lost moments,  
Returning to this centre of love,  
No matter the surrounding circumstances?  
No matter how much I fall from grace.

Sucked into this opinion or that,  
What is the purpose of this life?  
Who agrees, who disagrees,  
So much wrong to put right.

I have nothing to offer but love,  
The love that flows from the divine,  
Through me in all directions,  
I have nothing to add

Than to be here.  
My life purpose  
To be forever returning  
To the source of all being,  
The source of divine love.

And with awareness of this love  
To let it bloom in all I think, say, and do,  
So it may manifest with everyone I meet.  
Can I live this purpose  
Or will I let it wither and die?

The realisation of each lost moment,  
Brings me back to this divine love,  
To be forgiven  
And allowed to bloom again.  
No matter how many times  
I find myself here.  
I am renewed  
Within God's Love,  
And find the faith to carry on

**Moreton Hall**

Christ Church praises God and gives thanks for His faithfulness in the blessings from the 24 hours of prayer with dedication of the prayer room and for contacts made through prayer visiting.

We pray for the new people coming to Christ Church; our Christmas services including the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Carol Service; Bury Concert Band; Sebert Wood singers; schools' Christmas services; the Crib services on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service.

We pray for God's guidance in all our work and especially in evangelism and outreach to the local estate.

Christ Church would like to thank all the churches, organisations and individuals who have contributed so generously to the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal. Over 600 boxes have been collected at Christ Church and are now on their way to bless underprivileged children in other countries.

**St Marys and St Peters**

Please pray for the schools which will be using our churches during the Advent period. Pray that the message of Advent will reach children in our town.

**Hospice**

Please pray for St. Nicholas Hospice Care, its staff, volunteers, patients and their families on St. Nicholas Day, 6th December.

In December the Hospice holds Light up a Life services all round its area for all who want to remember loved ones at Christmas. The Bury services are:

Saturday 3rd December at the Hospice at 5 pm.

Sunday 11th December at St. Mary's Church at 6 pm and Angel Hill at 7 pm.

For more information, or to have a name read out at the service ring 01284 715572 or go to [www.stnicholashospice.org.uk/lightupalife](http://www.stnicholashospice.org.uk/lightupalife)

Please pray for:

- Bury Drop In that it will continue to strengthen and become part of the 'DNA' for Garland Street Baptist Church.
- Who Cares? Please pray that God will help us to work together across the town (and County!) to bring good news of Jesus to people who hurt.
- pray for those who are alone at Christmas and those for whom it is a sad time.
- youth work would grow and prosper.
- small Church – 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](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:

Day	Date	Venue/Church or Organiser	Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers
Saturday	3 December 5.00 pm	Hospice and Suffolk Churches Together, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds	<i>Light up a life</i>
Sunday	4 December	Geoff Birkby	<i>Exchange of greetings</i>
Saturday	10 December 4.00 pm	St Johns	<i>Carol-athon</i>
Sunday	11 December 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm	Hospice and Suffolk Churches Together St Marys Church, Bury St Edmunds followed by Angel Hill	<i>Light up a life</i>
Sunday	18 December 3.00 pm 5.00 pm 6.30 pm	St Georges All Saints St Marys	<i>Carol Services</i>
Sunday	25 December	St Benedicts School Gatehouse project	<i>Christmas meal for homeless/lonely</i>
Sunday	25 December 3.00 pm	Quaker Meeting House St Johns Street	<i>Quiet companionship and light refreshments</i>
Sun-Sat	22-28 January 2017	Various venues Churches Together	<i>Week of prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Saturday	25 February	St Marys Church	<i>Who Cares Initiative</i>
Saturday	17 June	St Marys Church Malcolm Rogers	<i>Come Together</i>