



Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for May 2017.

"Yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah 54 v10)

Please pray for:

We give thanks to God for His blessing on the Good Friday event in the town, and pray that people would have been drawn closer to God as a result of the walk of witness and mime.

Thy Kingdom Come initiative by Justin Welby – 24 May – 4 June 2017

Praying that people come to know Jesus Christ – The Archbishop of Canterbury is calling Christians to join a wave of prayer across the UK and around the world.

24 May – Launch – Cathedral – 5.30 – 8.30 pm – come and go and you like

25 May – Ascension Day service – 7.30 St Marys

26 May/27 May – Launch of 24 hours prayer – Hyndman Centre – 8.00 pm – 8.00 pm 27 May

29 May – 1 June – 8.00 am and 8.00 pm prayers at Hyndman Centre

2 June - 7.00 pm – Prayer walk – meet at Hyndman Centre

Garland Street Baptist Church – Prayer Points

Following deacons elections, please pray for:

- a reshaped leadership team.
- Progress for the refurbishment of the Elven Centre (Halls)
- Church Family awayday (May 13th) – for a refreshing experience in the Spirit of Christ.

Moreton Hall

Christ Church gives thanks for the many people who attended services and children's activities over Easter and for the popularity of the Seedlings group for pre-school children and their parents.

We pray for wisdom in how to follow up new contacts of people attending services and Seedlings and for Pam and Debbie as they lead the group.

We pray for wisdom and God's guidance in arrangements for prayer in the church during Novena (Ascension day to Pentecost).

Prayers for Revival will be on Friday 26th May starting at 7.30 p.m.

St Edmunds

Pray for the Life in the Spirit seminar called "The gift" over five Wednesday evenings starting on the 3 May. In the Crypt under the church from 7-9 pm. All are welcome.

Quakers

Feeding the Darkness. Shining a Light on State Sanctioned Torture through Story, Song and Poem. The wonderful Journeyman Theatre will be bringing their latest thought provoking production to Bury St Edmunds Meeting House on Saturday 13 May at 7.30pm. Commissioned through Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture and brought to us by Amnesty International and Freedom from Torture, Feeding the Darkness takes its title from the words of James Naylor 'Art Thou in Darkness? Mind it not for if thou dost, it will fill thee more.....'

Immersive in style, Feeding the Darkness frames verbatim and fiction monologues, duologues and poetry as a series of ministries which challenge our ignorance and avoidance of the sensitive and disturbing subject of state-sanctioned torture.

It features such wide-ranging material as: the experiences of the mother of Private Lyndie England (court-marshalled for her role in the abuse of Abu Ghraib detainees); a Kurdish asylum seeker at an appeal tribunal; and the role of trained medical professionals in torture.

The production both underlines the Quaker position on torture and encourages us to examine how the UN Convention Against Torture is clearly being abused by UK and world-wide governments.

The 65 minute performance is a result of extensive research into the dark world of state-sanctioned torture and its stark impact on victims, perpetrators, families and those who collude in the process. The show will be followed by refreshments and an informal discussion of the issues involved. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection, split equally between Amnesty International and Freedom from Torture. If you can notify Avril avrildawson@hotmail.com of your intention to attend that would be a helpful.

Other prayer items:

- Bury Drop In that it will continue to strengthen and become part of the 'DNA' for Garland Street Baptist Church.
- Who Cares? Initiative – 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 have recently lost a loved one.
- youth work would grow and prosper.
- small Church – weekly service for children/parents/carers – Mondays at 3.30 pm at St Johns Church.
- Elections on 4 May and in June
- Theresa May and our MPs – Brexit
- Replacement for Matt Rushby at BCY
- BCY and school activities

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.

Please see Prayer and Praise sheet attached.

Upcoming events for prayer and reflection:

Day	Date	Venue/Church or Organiser	Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers
Wednesday	3 May 7-9.00 pm	St Edmunds The Crypt	<i>The Gift – Study over 5 weeks</i>
Saturday	6 May 7.30 pm	Trinity Methodist Church	<i>Bury St Edmunds Chain of Hope Concert for Peace Tickets £10</i>
Saturday	6 May 9.30 am	St Johns	<i>Russian Orthodox Liturgy</i>
Wednesday	10 May	Lavenham Church	<i>Licensing of Capt Paul Tyler CA (up until now of the North Bury Team) as Community Minister</i>
Saturday	13 May	Garland Street Baptist Church	<i>Church family away day</i>
Saturday	13 May 8-10.00 am	United Reformed Church	<i>Prayer Breakfast</i>
Sunday	14 May 4.00	St Peters and St Marys Church Stowmarket	<i>Production of Barnabus</i>
Friday	19 May	Bury Festival	<i>Launch of festival</i>
Friday	19 May 8.00 pm	St Johns Church	<i>Part of St John's 175th anniversary celebrations and this year's Bury Festival The Westbrook Blake - settings of the poetry of William Blake by jazz composer Mike Westbrook celebrating Blake's intense faith and burning social conscience</i>
Sunday	21 May 4.00 pm	Just Traid	<i>Celebration tea to mark Just Traid's 20th anniversary</i>
Wednesday	24 May 5.30-8.30 pm	Cathedral	<i>Launch of Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative</i>
Thursday	25 May – 3 June 8.00 am and 8.00 pm	Hyndman Centre, Organised by St Marys & St Peters Churches	<i>Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative Prayer All welcome</i>
Friday	26 May 7.30	Christ Church, Moreton Hall	<i>Prayer for revival</i>
Wednesday	7,14,21 June 7.30-9.00 pm	All Saints Church	Share and Study Groups <i>tea/coffee/cakes followed by Studies on Peter, John and Paul – Debbie Borda – Peter, Victor Jack – Paul, ? – John</i>
Wednesday	14 June 3.00 pm and 5.30 pm	St Johns Church	<i>Part of St John's 175th anniversary celebrations Visit by Archbishop Rowan Williams Afternoon lecture 'Eucharist and Mission' Evening Celebration Eucharist for the Eve of Corpus Christi</i>
Saturday	17 June 7.00 pm	St Marys Church Malcolm Rogers	<i>Come Together</i>
Monday	17 July 7.00 pm	Salvation Army Citadel St John Street BSE	<i>Churches Together Shared Finger buffet plus AGM Everyone welcome</i>
Saturday	23 September 1-8.00 pm	The Apex (organised by Liberty Church, Thetford)	<i>Flourish Women's Conference- Guest speaker J John – for women to come together to flourish/thrive Tickets £20 from Apex</i>