



Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet from May 2015.

*'To God belong wisdom and power  
Counsel and understanding are his.'*  
Job 12:13

Pray for those so desperate to leave home that they are prepared to take terrible, sometimes fatal, risks.

Pray for all those affected by disaster, especially the earthquake in Nepal. We ask for generosity in giving and compassion.

Pray for peace and reconciliation in our world.

Pray for those who lead in government and in our churches. Let us pray that those who are called to serve have love, compassion and understanding at the centre of their hearts in these challenging times.

The United Reformed Church, which is at present without a minister, has a lady coming to meet us and 'preaching with a view'. Please pray that, if she is right for our church, she will be able to join us.

Christ Church gives thanks for all the people who attended the services over Easter; for the people attending the Alpha course which has just started; and for the on-going development of the new leadership structure within the church. Please pray for our work with children and young people; the new initiatives to reach out to people within our local community; and for our participation in the nine days of prayer (Novena) from Ascension Day (15<sup>th</sup> May) to Pentecost (23<sup>rd</sup> May) as organised by Premier Christian Radio.

Please hold in your prayers the North Bury Team Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, 1- 6th May, that all those going find rest and spiritual enrichment.

All Saints new Family Services at 10.30am on third Sundays, which we will have new families to welcome into our Christian family.

From Sporting 87 – there is Praise: For a good season at all ages, with the reserves winning their league; For record numbers of members; Ongoing support from local churches and local Christians; 4 players went through Alpha; Good numbers to pub Bible Studies. They ask for prayer: For Youth and Adult award evenings and the speakers who will be coming; Good break for volunteers; Ongoing Vision for the future - making sure we are where God wants us to be.

Pray for the work of Christian Aid and Amnesty International - that their work may continue to grow to help those with nothing.

Pray for the Churches Together Study Groups over May.

Please pray for the work of our churches at this time. Prayers of thanksgiving and for help are offered each month for the Church in Bury St Edmunds and the wider world.

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 Frances at [francesparr@btinternet.com](mailto:francesparr@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:

Date	Church or Organiser	Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers
7:30 06 May	All Saints – David Wakeford	Study and Share Group – <b>Set my people free:</b> Peter Gibson on Exodus
7:30 13 May	All Saints – David Wakeford	Study and Share Group – <b>Set my people free:</b> Father Mark on his experiences in Cambodia
7:00 14 May	St Marys – Malcolm Rogers	Ascension Day service
8 - 10 16 May	Vineyard Centre – Andrew Soman	<i>Prayer Breakfast.</i> All are invited to join and share in a time of fellowship and prayer.
7:30 16 May	Southgate Centre – Matt and BCY	<i>Virtually harmless</i> –a show by the Riverside Performing Arts group and aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of using the internet. All ages welcome – and funds raised will help support the work of BCY in our schools.
7:30 20 May	All Saints – David Wakeford	Study and Share Group – <b>Set my people free:</b> Malcolm Rogers on the Psalms
7:30 27 May	All Saints – David Wakeford	Study and Share Group – <b>Set my people free:</b> Ian Howell on the work of the West Suffolk Hospital chaplaincy team
7:15 07 June	Southgate Church – Bob Jones	Join Searchlight Theatre Company, World Vision and Adrian & Bridget Plass for a good chuckle and a great night out!
3:00 14 June	St Marys – Malcolm Rogers	Town Memorial service
7:00 17 June	Cathedral – Dave Gardner & John Parr	<i>Growing in God – The Next Step: Implementing the Diocesan Vision at the local level.</i> All welcome to participate.
7:00 27 June	St Marys – Malcolm Rogers	'Come Together' – an opportunity for all Christians across Bury St Edmunds and district to come together as one to worship, pray and hear God's Word to us.
8 – 10 11 July	Southgate Church – Peter Gibson	<i>Prayer Breakfast.</i> All are invited to join and share in a time of fellowship and prayer.
10 – 4 18 July	Cathedral – Jayne Whiteman	<i>Exploring Prayer</i> – a time to try out prayer in different ways.
7:00 20 July	Vineyard Church – Andrew Soman	BSE Churches Together AGM. Starting in fellowship with a Bring and Share supper - and focused on developing ecumenical work in our town. All very welcome.
12 Nov	Apex Theatre	The Acoustic Gospels – An Evening with Graham Kendrick - <i>In aid of Chaplain in the Workplace.</i>