



Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for December 2017.

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear: I will help you.
Isaiah 41 v 13

Please pray for:

URC

9th December at 7pm – Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Magic! (Tickets £8)

12th December at pprox.. 7.45pm - Beer and Carols in the Rose and Crown (the pub of the corner of Whiting Street and Westgate Street)

Our carol service is Sunday 24th December at 10.45am

On Christmas day, Trinity Methodist, Garland Street Baptist and the United Reformed Churches are joining together to celebrate Christ's birthday. The service will be at 10am at Trinity Methodist Church. Again all would be welcome.

All Saints Church

There will be an Angel Tree Service at All Saints Bury at 3pm on Sunday 3rd December. This is a service of remembering and entrusting for families who have lost children through miscarriage, stillbirth or in their early years. There will be an opportunity to put your 'Angel prayers' on the tree (which will remain by the altar throughout the Christmas season) and light candles in memory of your loved ones. Everyone is very welcome to attend, including children, and to stay for coffee, cake and chat afterwards.

Moreton Hall

We praise God and give thanks for the joy and exuberance of our Shoebox service and for over 900 shoeboxes collected for distribution to children in need throughout the world. We thank all the churches, groups and organisations who supported Shoebox so generously.

We pray for all our Christmas services – Nativity; Emmanuel; Carol services; Crib Services; etc., and pray the wonderful good news of Jesus' birth will be heard loud and clear across Bury St. Edmunds and right across Great Britain, changing lives and bringing people into faith in our Lord and Saviour.

There will be no prayers for revival in December. The next one will be 26th January 2018 when everyone is invited to come and pray for a move of the Holy Spirit across our town and nation.

News from the Lark Valley Churches

Work to the ceiling in Fornham All Saints church has been completed and they are looking forward to welcoming the St Edmundsbury Chapter of Guild of Servants in the Sanctuary on 12th January for the Guild Office and Benediction at 7.30 pm. The "All Age" service at West Sow on the 4th Sunday of the month is going well, bringing in congregations aged from 0 – 90+. We all look forward to a joyful Christmas season with many carol services, Holy Communions, Midnight masses and outdoor events. Details of all these can be found on the website www.northburychurches.org.

The Suffolk Church Singers present a concert of carols at St George's, Anselm Avenue, BSE on December 10th at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 on the door – the proceeds go to the church.

Horringer Singers' concert 'from Advent to Christmas' in St. Leonard's Church, Horringer, Thursday 7th. December at 7.30pm. £8.00 on the door, includes wine and mince pies.

- Horringer Bible Study at 17 Orchard Way, Horringer, Wednesday 13th. December at 2.30.pm.

Quakers

Christmas Day 3pm to 6pm

Don't be alone on Christmas Day. Join us for quiet companionship and light refreshments at the Quaker Meeting House, St. John's Street Everyone welcome

FOR PRAYER:

The homeless people, and rough sleepers, in Bury and district over the Christmas period.

The gospel witness and outreach of all our churches over Christmas

Bury Drop In

Please pray for the volunteers and guests. The Drop In is now located at Trinity Methodist Church whilst building work is being done to the Elven Centre. Please pray for:

- the guests and the problems they have to face.
- The volunteers – their faithfulness in helping the guests either cooking or befriending or in a leadership role
- More volunteers as the organisation continues to grow
- Clothes and toiletries for the guests

Other prayer items:

- 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 – Thursdays at 3.30 pm at St Johns Church.
- Theresa May and our MPs – Brexit
- BCY – a replacement for Matt 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.

Upcoming events for prayer and reflection:

Day	Date	Venue/Church or Organiser	Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers
Saturday	2 December	Shimpling Village Hall Christmas Market	Christmas crafts, fair trade goods, coffee and mince pies at Shimpling Village Hall, The Street, Shimpling 10:00 to 13:00. (Shimpling is off the A134, half way between Bury and Sudbury
Sunday	3 December 3.00 pm	All Saints Church	Angel Tree Service
Thursday	7 December 7.30 pm	St Leonards Church Horringer	Horringer Singers' concert 'from Advent to Christmas'. £8.00 on the door, includes wine and mince pies
Friday	8 December	The Bush pub, The Street,	Beer and Carols. A fun evening with

	8.00 pm	Shimpling	musical accompaniment, carol sheets available.
Saturday	9 December 7.00 pm	URC/Elaine Colechin	Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Magic! (Tickets £8) All welcome
Tuesday	12 December 7.45 pm approx	Rose and Crown (the pub of the corner of Whiting Street and Westgate Street)- URC/Elaine Colechin	Beer and Carols – all welcome
Wednesday	13 December 2.30 pm	17 Orchard Way Horringer	Horringer Bible Study
Sunday	24 December 10.45 am	URC	<i>Carol service – all welcome</i>
Monday	25 December 10.00 am	Venue - Trinity Methodist Church (jointly with URC and Garland Street Baptist Church)	<i>Celebration of Christ's birth – all welcome</i>
Monday	25 December 3-6.00 pm	Quaker Meeting House	<i>Don't be alone on Christmas Day – come and join in for quiet companionship and light refreshments</i>
Sunday – Saturday	21 January - 6.30 22 January - 12.30 23 January – 12.30 24 January – 12.30 25 January – 12.30 26 January – 12.30 27 January – 12.30	URC – Speaker – David Oakley Cathedral Garland St Trinity St Edmunds URC St Johns	<i>Week of Christian Unity – Evening service on Sunday Monday – Saturday – 12.30-1.30 pm –tea and coffee provided, bring packed lunch</i>
Monday	29 January 7.30 pm	St Edmunds Church Crypt	<i>Churches Together Meeting</i>
Saturday	24 February 8.15-10.00 am	West Suffolk Hospital Chaplaincy	<i>Spring Prayer Breakfast</i>