



## Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for January 2018.

I will praise you O Lord with all my heart (Ps 138 v 1)

Please pray for:

### Mission as a Dialogue

All Saints Church, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Our world has radically changed; we live in a time where there is a multiplicity of choices, a time when the moral codes and ethics are less than clear. It is a time of hurry and rush; a time when we seemingly know our neighbours less well, and yet conversely, we are more globally aware than ever before as media outlets flood us with news about what is happening on the other side of the world.

At this one day event, we will unpack this topic, and explore together how a deep listening to our rural communities will help us share the Gospel.

The day will be interactive with four main workshops:

- **Workshop 1: Where is everybody?** - Understanding the local context; how to ask the right questions. Demographic research; how to read local statistics. Finding the 'gathering point' of the community.
- **Workshop 2: Where is God?** - What are the signs of 'good news'? Who else is here? Undertaking a walk of awareness – practical task & reflection.
- **Workshop 3: Where are we?** - What are we already good at? Where has your church got community touch points? Practical mission audit – Review, when, how and why of your church mission.
- **Workshop 4: Where next?** - Joining all the dots; beginning to form a strategy. We all have a part to play. Now, take a risk.

The event costs just £15 including handouts and a light lunch.

Bookings must be made in advance and we are able to accept card or cheque payments.

Full details of the event and booking information can be found on our website [here](#) or on [Facebook](#).

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### • **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Launch service Sun. 21st Jan 6.30.pm at United Reformed Church, Whiting Street. Leader: Rev Elaine Colechin, Preacher: David Oakley.

- Churches Together meeting on Monday 29th. January at 7.30. in the crypt at St. Edmunds Church Westgate Street.

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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 12<sup>th</sup> January for the Guild Office and Benediction at 7.30 pm.

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### 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

Pray for the Night Shelter in Bury St. Edmunds, for our churches and witness in our community, and for our national life.

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](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
Wednesday	10 January 2.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 The Chestnuts, Horringer.</li> <li>• Heather Corbell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horringer Bible study group Enquiries: 07730 221121.</li> </ul>
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</i> <i>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	10 February	All Saints Church	<i>Mission as a dialogue</i>
Saturday	24 February 8.15-10.00 am	West Suffolk Hospital Chaplaincy	<i>Spring Prayer Breakfast</i>