



Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for February 2018.

May the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with hope. Romans 15 v 13

Please pray for:

St John's - Friday 2nd Feb at 7.30pm
Sung Eucharist for Candlemas at St John's with Archdeacon David Jenkins
Music by the Abbot Consort of Voices

West Stow Hall - Saturday 10th Feb at 7pm
Talk by Dr Francis Young on the development of the monastic complex in Bury St Edmunds with special; reference to the Cathedral and St Mary's

Ash Wednesday - 14 Feb - the beginning of Lent
Eucharist with voluntary Imposition of Ashes
St John's at 9.30am, Fornham All Saints at 7pm, All Saints' Bury at 7.30pm

23rd - 25th February
Pilgrimage Weekend to the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield in Yorkshire

Mission as a Dialogue

All Saints Church, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk - 10th 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](#).

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. Now over 60 guests attending each session
- 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. 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 |
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| 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> |
| Friday | 2 March 10.30 am 7.30 pm | Womens Day of Prayer Moreton Hall Salvation Army | <i>Womens Day of Prayer – open to men</i> |
| Good Friday | 30 March 10.30 am | St Edmundsbury Cathedral/Churches Together | <i>Procession of witness followed by short service in market square</i> |
| Monday | 30 April 7.30 pm | Churches Together Meeting ?venue | |
| | 19 June – 18 August | St Edmundsbury Cathedral | <i>Threads of Revelation – textile art showing images from the book of Revelation</i> |