



## **Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for May 2018.**

I will praise God's name with song and glorify him with thanksgiving. This will please the Lord.  
(Ps 69v30-31)

Please pray for:

### **Moreton Hall**

We give thanks for our Parish Nurse, Lesley, and the great work she does in the parish. We pray for Parish Nurse Sunday on 13<sup>th</sup> May and for funding for this vital organisation.

We also thank God for all the babies, children and young people in contact with the church each week through Sunday School, midweek groups, and schools groups. We pray for the dedicated team of people who run the classes and groups and befriend the children as they learn more about their Father God.

We ask prayers for our plans for Novena (10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May) and especially the 24 hours of prayer from 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May.

We pray for wisdom over the finances of the church and for the appointment of a new Treasurer.

Prayers for revival this month will be on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 7.30 p.m. with refreshments served beforehand.

### **Bury Drop In Choir**

The Bury Drop In Choir, made up of volunteers and guests, has now been meeting together for over 6 months on a weekly basis to learn a range of songs and to spend some time together with our guests getting to know them and encouraging them in whatever situation they may find themselves in. We performed in a couple of carol services before Christmas. We then had the privilege of singing on the stage as part of the Good Friday Walk of Witness. Many people have said how much they were touched and blessed by the choir as they sang. The choir has also been involved in a recent service at Freedom Church, Gt Barton, and will be singing at Bradfield & Rougham Baptist Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30 pm.

Please pray that the choir would be a blessing wherever they sing, and that God would continue to touch the lives of the guests in the choir, and that their needs would be met.

### **Thy Kingdom Come initiative – Justin Welby**

Running from 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, please pray for the needs around us, our friends and families and our nation during this period.

### **West Suffolk Hospital Chaplaincy Chaplaincy Team**

We are really pleased to have a complete team again with the arrival of Stephen Griffiths – the new assistant chaplain, and also Cheryl Unsworth who runs the offices and keeps us all in order! Please give thanks for this and pray for strength and vitality for Stephen, Ian and Cheryl as the months ahead are going to be very busy.

## **Integrated Care**

Please pray for the initial setting up of a pathway for integrated care. This will begin with us placing a chaplain in a GP surgery who will have patients referred to them. The aim is then to have a pathway of pastoral care that will lead from this contact through the hospital if they are admitted and then at home after discharge. We have a GP surgery on board for the trial run so please pray that this is a success as this will determine the success of the project.

## **Glastonbury Court**

The chaplaincy has pastoral responsibility for Glastonbury Court. A new initiative has been to have a once a month live music and reminiscence session with the patients in the lounge. This has been a great success but please pray it will continue to be so. We are also in conversation as to other initiatives we can bring in there, so please pray for our ongoing ministry.

## **Newmarket Hospital**

Again the chaplaincy has pastoral responsibility for Newmarket Hospital. Please pray for the staff and volunteers there as we increase our presence and really integrate ourselves into the life of the hospital.

## **Other changes in need of prayer**

Other items for prayer include:

Installing IT into the chapel

Re-arranging the chapel to include new toilet and washing facilities and storage

Re-writing our in-house website pages

Publicity

Teaching of staff

A change in admission question which will hopefully lead to more referrals to Chaplaincy.

## **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

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. Loneliness and injustice are the two main issues among people who hurt
- pray for those who have recently lost a loved one.
- youth work would grow and prosper.
- BCY

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.

Prayer sheet/events – next page

## Upcoming events for prayer and reflection:

Day	Date	Venue/Church or Organiser	Prayer request- please hold these events in your prayers
Wednesday	2 May 7.30 pm	Cathedral	Archdeacon's Annual Deanery Visitation with Bishop Mike
Sunday	6 May 2.30 pm	St Marys Bury	Bury Town Pastors 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration service
Sunday	6 May 6.30 pm	Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church	Bury Drop In Choir
Thursday Ascension Day	10 May 9.30 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	All Saints, Bury Lackford St Johns Bury	Eucharists
Thursday Ascension Day	10 May 7.00 pm	St Marys Bury	Ascension Day service jointly with The Cathedral with choirs of St Marys and the Cathedral combining to provide music
Thursday	10 May		Start of Thy Kingdom Come initiative by Justin Welby – 10 days of prayer
Saturday	12 May 7.30 pm	St Marys Bury	St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir Concert – joined by 2 German choirs
Sunday 13 – Saturday 19 May			<i>Christian Aid Week</i>
Wednesday	16 May 7.30 pm	Hyndman Centre	<i>A year in the life of a fairtrade town</i>
Saturday	19 May 7.30 pm	St Johns Bury	Polyphonia Recorder Bury Festival Concert with Robert Cross counter tenor
Saturday	19 May 7.30 pm	All Saints Church Bury	An Evening with the Stars concert for St Edmunds Womens Aid Centre
Thursday	31 May 7.30 pm	St Johns Bury	Corpus Christi Sung Eucharist and Procession with Rev Anne Haselhurst
Wednesday	13 June 2.30 pm	11 The Chestnuts, Horringer Heather Corbell 07730221121	Horringer Bible discussion group
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13, 20 and 27 June 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Hyndman Centre, Hospital Road, BSE</b>	<b>CHURCHES TOGETHER Share and Study Groups</b> <u>Prof. Hugh Williamson</u> speaker: 'Why do Christians need the Old Testament?' Wed. 13th. June (first of the study groups ).
	19 June – 18 August	St Edmundsbury Cathedral	<i>Threads of Revelation</i> – textile art showing images from the book of Revelation
Saturday	7 July 10-4.00 pm	11 The Chestnuts, Horringer Heather Corbell 07730221121	<i>All day prayer – come and go. Pray for issues. Coffee/tea/croissants/cake</i>
Tuesday	17 July 7.30 pm	?All Saints Church	<i>Churches Together AGM</i>