



Bury St Edmunds Churches Together Prayer Sheet for August 2018.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love endures for ever. (Ps136 v1)

Please pray for:

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

1. 'Threads through Revelation' textile exhibition we have in the Cathedral until 17 August.

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.stedscathedral.org/component/jevents/eventdetail/689/-/threads-through-revelation-19-jun-to-17-aug?Itemid=114>

2. We are holding an event on Sunday 4 November 2018 entitled Crimson Glory, which is a major event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War. Various choirs and schools will be involved in this production involving music, drama, dance and image. This is just an awareness and save the date note.

Westley Community Church

Westley Community Church held a joint open-air service with West Road Church on Sunday 22 July, followed by the Sunday Fundae at Westley Middle School. We want to thank God for His wonderful blessing on the whole day. At the end of the morning service several people made a decision to follow Christ. In total over 600 people attended the Fundae, which was a great opportunity to get to know some of the people from the nearby estates, and to be able to share something of God's love with them. Please pray with us that those who made a step to follow Jesus would be kept safe and grow in their relationship with Him, and that the contacts made with local people would develop in the future as the church seeks to reach out to those around. Thank you.

General

Pray for church leaders of groups, which take a break during August, to have a refreshing holiday, time to rest and relax, and receive fresh inspiration for the coming year.

Pray for those who may feel lonely, those who miss their relatives, or usual church fellowships, to still feel encouraged and blessed.

Churches Together

Pray that we at Churches Together can find someone to take on being our treasurer. Last year we had 33 lines of income and 7 lines of expenses, so the job is not arduous. Please pray that someone will step forward.

Moreton Hall

We thank God for:

the generosity of people who have donated provisions for the recent food bank appeal;

the children who attended the Fresh Shoots after school clubs in the two local primary schools;

the people who are willing to take on extra responsibilities so that our regular volunteers can have a break over the summer.

We pray for:

Alex and Vatha Theobald visiting and teaching in Laos where there is serious flooding and for protection for all the people affected;

people who have lost valued members of their family or friends in recent weeks;

the proposed allocation of new parish boundaries at Moreton Hall;

our summer programme for young people.

St Mary's Church

Please pray for the new minister for St Mary's Church – that he/she will respond to the advertisement going out shortly with "a willing spirit" (Ps. 51v12). The second interview day for a new Vicar for St Mary's Church is on Wednesday 26 September.

BURY DROP IN

Please pray for the volunteers and guests. The Drop In is located at Trinity Methodist Church. During August we are having a break and will re-open on Tuesday 4 September.

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. 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
Until 17 August	Now until 17 August	St Edmundsbury Cathedral	<i>Threads through Revelation textile exhibition</i>
Monday	8 October 7.30 pm	The Crypt, St Edmunds	<i>Churches Together meeting</i>
Sunday	4 November	Crimson Glory	<i>Commemoration of the end of the 1st World War</i>