Praying Together

AUGUST 2025

We pray for our churches and the communities we serve.

Please use this leaflet in your prayers.

Lark Valley and North Bury Team Ministry

- St Mary, Culford St Catherine of Alexandria, Flempton cum Hengrave
 - Fornham All Saints Fornham St Martin cum St Geneviève •
- St Lawrence, Lackford St Andrew, Timworth St Mary, West Stow & Wordwell
 - · All Saints, Bury St Edmunds · St George, Bury St Edmunds ·
 - St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds

On 15th August, Christians all around the world keep the summer feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We remember the time when she left this earthly life and took her place in heaven. We give thanks for her courage and steadfastness in following her vocation as the mother of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Almighty God,

who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3rd August, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23 *or* Hosea 11:1-11 | Psalm 49:1-12 [*or* 49:1-9] | Colossians 3:1-11 | Luke 12:13-21

10th August, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 15:1-6 *or* 1:1. 10-20 | Psalm 33:12-end [*or* 33:12-21] | Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16 | Luke 12:32-40

17th August, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 23:23-29 *or* Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 82 | Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 | Luke 12:49-56

24th August, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect: Let your merciful ears. O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 58:9b-end *or* Jeremiah 1:4-10 | Psalm 103:1-8 | Hebrews 12:18-end | Luke 13:10-17

31st August, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Either Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 or Jeremiah 2:4-13 | Psalm 112 | Hebrews 13:1-8. 15-16 | Luke 14:1. 7-14

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For the wider community and church

1 F	For all on holiday this month
2 S	The sugar beet factory
3 S 4 M 5 T 6 W 7 T 8 F 9 S	The Job Centre Plus office Bury St Edmunds Library; The Lark Valley Library Van Bury Market Springfield Road housing area The Suffolk Regiment museum; The Territorial Army centre The Leisure Centre The Westley Estate
10 S 11 M 12 T 13 W 14 T 15 F 16 S	County High School (formerly Westley Middle) Adults and children with special needs Social Care Services & for all caring for relatives at home The emergency services, fire, police & ambulance The East Anglian Air Ambulance The Railway Station The Bus Station
17 S 18 M 19 T 20 W 21 T 22 F 23 S	Local public transport Spring Lane & Thingoe Hill housing areas All who live in Hengrave St John Lateran, Hengrave Hengrave Hall Beetons Way, Tollgate Lane & Fornham Road areas The Howard Estate; Newbury Community Association
24 S 25 M 26 T 27 W 28 T 29 F 30 S	Tollgate Primary School County High School (formerly County Upper) St Benedict's School Howard Community Primary School For all affected by family breakup For those who are lonely For all with money worries
31 S	For all who have lost faith in the Church

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