

Praying Together

SEPTEMBER 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 •

This year we remember St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist either on Sunday 21st or Monday 22nd September. Matthew (also known as Levi) was a tax-collector for the detested occupying Romans. He was called by Christ to be one of the Twelve apostles despite his dubious background. Matthew followed his Lord faithfully until he was martyred, either in Ethiopia or in Persia. It is in Matthew's gospel that we are given the genealogy of Jesus. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants, bankers and tax-collectors.

We pray

O Almighty God,

*whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:*

*give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches*

that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

7th September, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

Deuteronomy 30:15-end *or* Jeremiah 18:1-11 | Psalm 1 | Philemon 1-21
| Luke 14:25-33

14th September, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 32:7-14 *or* Jeremiah 4:11-12. 22-28 | Psalm 51:1-11 |
1 Timothy 1:12-17 | Luke 15:1-10

21st September, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

Amos 8:4-7 *or* Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1 | Psalm 113 | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 |
Luke 16:1-13

28th September, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Amos 6:1a. 4-7 *or* Jeremiah 32:1-3a. 6-15 | Psalm 146 |
1 Timothy 6:6-19 | Luke 16:19-end

PRAYING TOGETHER IN SEPTEMBER 2025

For the wider community and church

- 1 M For all places of education at the start of a new academic year
- 2 T Beetons Lodge residential home
- 3 W The Presbyterian Church; Lancaster Avenue Gospel Hall
- 4 T St Olave's Road shops and residential area
- 5 F The Beacon Church (Pentecostal)
- 6 S Bridge Community Church

- 7 S** All Saints, Bury
- 8 M *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at All Saints, Bury
- 9 T All Saints Bury church hall
- 10 W Julie Hooton, our Benefice Administrator
- 11 T All Saints church monthly coffee morning
- 12 F The Priors Estate
- 13 S The Priors Estate Residents' Action Group

- 14 S** Kings Road & Queens Road housing areas
- 15 M Out Risbygate housing and business areas
- 16 T St Peter's House residential home
- 17 W Jankyn's Place sheltered housing
- 18 T St Andrew's, Timworth
- 19 F *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Timworth
- 20 S All who live in Timworth

- 21 S** St George's, Bury
- 22 M *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at St George's
- 23 T The Anselm Community Centre
- 24 W The Mildenhall Road Estate
- 25 T The Mildenhall Road Estate Residents' Association
- 26 F Chestnut Court sheltered housing
- 27 S Northumberland Avenue Methodist Church

- 28 S** Kingdom Hall (Jehovah's Witnesses)
- 29 M West Road area
- 30 T Westley Road area & Winthrop Road area