

Praying Together

OCTOBER 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 •

Simon and Jude have been remembered together by the Church on 28 October since the 7th century.

They are among the 12 apostles chosen by Jesus. Simon is known as the 'Zealot' because he is thought to have been involved in opposing the occupying Romans. Jude is also known as Thaddaeus and a New Testament letter bears his name. He is not to be confused with Judas Iscariot. It is said that that Simon and Jude preached the Gospel in Persia where both were martyred. Jude is the patron saint of lost causes while Simon is the patron saint of sawyers and tanners.

Collect

Almighty God,

you built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:

so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,

that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5th October, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 | Psalm 37:1-9 | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | Luke 17:5-10

12th October, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

2 Kings 5:1-3. 7-15c | Psalm 111 | 2 Timothy 2:8-15 | Luke 17:11-19

19th October, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Genesis 32:22-31 | Psalm 121 | 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 | Luke 18:1-8

26th October, Bible Sunday

Collect : Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life which you have given us in our saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 45:22–end | Psalm 199:129-136 | Romans 15:1-6 | Luke 4:16-24

PRAYING TOGETHER IN OCTOBER 2025

For the wider community and church

- 1 W All with financial difficulties
- 2 T Homeless people; Tayfen House & Britannia House
- 3 F All who work in and visit the King's Forest
- 4 S For our initiatives in dealing with the climate change emergency

- 5 S** Lark Valley farms and all who walk on the Lark Valley Path and St Edmunds Way
- 6 M All Saints' Church, Wordwell (Churches Conservation Trust)
- 7 T All who live in Wordwell
- 8 W Moseley's Farm Business Centre
- 9 T All who live in Fornham St Genevieve
- 10 SF Hall Farm Business Park
- 11 S Park Farm Business Centre

- 12 S** All who take care of the fabric of our churches
- 13 M All who visit our churches as tourists
- 14 T All those preparing for baptism, marriage or confirmation
- 15 W All whose funerals have taken place recently
- 16 T All who mourn
- 17 F West Stow Country Park & Kings Forest Caravan Park
- 18 S West Stow Club

- 19 S** St Mary's Church, West Stow
- 20 M *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at West Stow
- 21 T All who live in West Stow
- 22 W Sports clubs & golf courses
- 23 T Fullers Mill Garden; Chimney Mills Gallery
- 24 F *The Suffolk Wildlife Trust* at Lackford Lakes
- 25 S St Lawrence's Church, Lackford

- 26 S** *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Lackford
- 27 M All who live in Lackford
- 28 T All our Clergy, our Reader & Lay Elders
- 29 W For vocations to the ordained and other ministries
- 30 T That we may all grow in faith
- 31 F That our congregations may grow in numbers