

# ***Praying Together***

***DECEMBER 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**

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  - All Saints, Bury St Edmunds • St George, Bury St Edmunds •
  - St John the Evangelist, Bury St Edmunds •

Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the coming of Jesus into our world. 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us' (John 1.14). We also remember that one day Jesus will come again at the end of time to be our judge.

*We pray:*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
Give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **7th December 2025, Second Sunday of Advent**

Collect : O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-7. 18-19 | Romans 15:4-13 |  
Matthew 3:1-12

### **14th December, Third Sunday of Advent**

Collect : O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 35:1-10 | *either* Psalm 146:4-10 *or* Luke 1:46b-55 (Magnificat) | James 5:7-10 | Matthew 11:2-11

### **21st December, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Collect : God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 7:10-16 | Psalm 80:1-8. 18-20 [80:1-8] | Romans 1:1-7 | Matthew 1:18–end

### **25th December, Christmas Day**

Collect : Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 52:7-10 | Psalm 98 | Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12] | John 1:1-14

### **28th December, First Sunday of Christmas**

Collect : Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so that we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 63:7-9 | Psalm 148 | Hebrews 2:10-end | Matthew 2:13-end

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## PRAYING TOGETHER IN DECEMBER 2025

### *For the wider community and church*

- 1 M For all with cost of living difficulties
- 2 T Food Banks - organisers and users
- 3 W Marham Park & Marham House Care Home
- 4 T The West Suffolk Crematorium
- 5 F Housing & businesses in Mildenhall Road area
- 6 S Industrial and retail estates in the north east of the town
  
- 7 S Doctors' & dentists' surgeries and health centres
- 8 M Bury Town Pastors
- 9 T Vineyard Church; Kingsgate Church
- 10 W For industrial chaplains
- 11 T West Suffolk College and its chaplaincy team
- 12 F All who live in Culford
- 13 S St Mary's Church, Culford
  
- 14 S *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Culford
- 15 M Culford School
- 16 T Culford Village Hall
- 17 W Cedar Lodge Residential Home
- 18 T Rough sleepers & homeless people
- 19 F Trinity Methodist church; Bury Drop In for homeless people
- 20 S North Court Care Home
  
- 21 S Manson House Residential Home
- 22 M St Andrew's Street housing area
- 23 T Northgate Street Business Park and other local businesses
- 24 W The Abbey Gardens - those who visit and those who work there
- 25 T Garland Street Baptist Church
- 26 F St Nicholas Hospice and its chaplaincy team
- 27 S West Suffolk Hospital and its chaplaincy team
  
- 28 S For those who are unemployed or made redundant
- 29 M For all in relationship difficulties
- 30 T For those affected by addictions of all kinds
- 31 W For all to have a safe New Year's Eve