

# **Praying Together**

## **February 2026**

*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 •

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, so from 1<sup>st</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February we have the opportunity to reflect on how each one of us will keep Lent. What shall we give up? What shall we take up? Whatever we do, we do it out of thanksgiving for the love of Christ for us all. May our love for him increase this Lent.

*A prayer for any day in Lent.*

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **1st February 2026, Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Collect : Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Malachi 3:1-5 | Psalm 24:[1-6] 7-end | Hebrews 2:14-end | Luke 2:22-40

## **8th February, Second Sunday before Lent**

Collect : Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 | Psalm 136:1-9. 23-end | Romans 8:18-25 | Matthew 6:25-end

## **15th February, Sunday next before Lent**

Collect : Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 24:12-end | *either* Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 | 2 Peter 1:16-end | Matthew 17:1-9

## **22nd February, First Sunday of Lent**

Collect : Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7 | Psalm 32 | Romans 5:12-19 | Matthew 4:1-11

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN FEBRUARY 2026

### *For the wider community and church*

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