

Praying Together

May 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 •

This year Ascension Day is on Thursday 14th May and the Day of Pentecost is on Sunday 24th May, so between these dates we pray:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

3rd May 2026, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect : Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*either Acts 7:55-end or Genesis 8:1-19 | Psalm 31:1-5. 15-16
(or 31:1-5) | either 1 Peter 2:2-10 or Acts 7:55-end | John 14:1-14*

10th May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Collect : God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal 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.

Either Acts 17:22-31 *or* Genesis 8:20 – 9:17 | Psalm 66:7-end |
Either 1 Peter 3:13-end *or* Acts 17:22-31 | John 14:15-21

17th May, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect : O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Either Acts 1:6-14 *or* Ezekiel 36:24-28 | Psalm 68:1-10. 32-end (or 68:1-10) | *Either* 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 *or* Acts 1:6-14 | John 17:1-11

24th May, Pentecost

Collect : God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Either Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30 | Psalm 104:26-36. 37b (or 104:26-end) | *Either* 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or* Acts 2:1-21 |
Either John 20:19-23 *or* John 7:37-39

31st May, Trinity Sunday

Collect : Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 40:12-17. 27-end | Psalm 8 | 2 Corinthians 13:11-end |
Matthew 28:16-end

PRAYING TOGETHER IN MAY 2026

For the wider community & church

- 1 F For all badly affected by cost of living difficulties
- 2 S West Suffolk Council

- 3 S** Suffolk County Council
- 4 M Parish Councils
- 5 T Bury St Edmunds Town Council
- 6 W Deanery Synod
- 7 T Our Churchwardens and PCC members
- 8 F Deanery Synod; our Rural Dean, the Revd Dr Andrew Miller
- 9 S All who contribute to and read our magazines and news sheets

- 10 S** For those who maintain and use our website and other communications
- 11 M St Catherine of Alexandria, Flempton
- 12 T *Growing in God* worship, work & witness in Flempton
- 13 W All who live in Flempton
- 14 T All who are unable to attend church
- 15 F Bury Christian Youth
- 16 S Our work with children, families & schools

- 17 S** Mustow Street, Cotton Lane & Eastgate Street area
- 18 M Northgate Street area; Suffolk Deaf Association
- 19 T Crosspenny Court & Redwood Gardens sheltered accommodation
- 20 W Mental health services
- 21 T All who live in Fornham St Martin cum Fornham St Genevieve
- 22 F Fornham St Martin church
- 23 S *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Fornham St Martin

- 24 S** Fornham House Care Home
- 25 M The Pines assisted living residence
- 26 T Havebury Housing
- 27 W Our organists, choirs and other musicians
- 28 T For all affected by domestic violence, child & vulnerable adult abuse
- 29 F Our Parish Safeguarding Officers
- 30 S Water, energy & telecommunications providers
- 31S** Pubs, cafés & restaurants in our benefice