

Praying Together

July 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 •

On Saturday 25th July the Church remembers James the Apostle, a fisherman from Galilee. Jesus called him together with his brother John to follow him. James was present throughout the ministry of Jesus, including at the Transfiguration. In 44 CE James was put to death by the sword on the orders of Herod Agrippa. James is frequently known as 'the Great' to distinguish him from another apostle, James the Less. Our Cathedral has James as a patron saint along with St Edmund.

We pray

Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James,

leaving his father and all that he had,

was obedient to the calling of your son Jesus Christ

and followed him even to death:

help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,

to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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5th July 2026, Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Either Zechariah 9:9-12 *or* Genesis 24:34-38. 42-49. 58-end |
Psalm 145:8-15 | Romans 7:15-25a | Matthew 11:16-19. 25-end

12th July, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Isaiah 55:10-13 *or* Genesis 25:19-end | Psalm 65 [or 65:8-end] |
Romans 8:1-11 | Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

19th July, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Wisdom or Solomon 12:13. 16-19 *Or* Isaiah 44:6-8 *Or*
Genesis 28:10-19a | Psalm 86:11-end | Romans 8:12-25 |
Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43

26th July, Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect : Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Either 1 Kings 3:5-12 *Or* Genesis 29:15-28 | Psalm 119:129-136 |
Romans 8:26-end | Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

PRAYING TOGETHER IN JULY 2026

For the wider community & church

- 1 W For all those in financial difficulty
- 2 T Moyse's Hall Museum
- 3 F The Arc shopping centre & the Apex venue
- 4 S The town centre shops

- 5 S** St Edmundsbury Cathedral
- 6 M St Edmund's Place sheltered housing
- 7 T Northgate Lodge sheltered housing
- 8 W Cryspen Court sheltered housing
- 9 T The housing, shops and businesses in and around St John's Street
- 10 F The Society of Friends
- 11 S The Salvation Army

- 12 S** St John's church
- 13 M *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at St John's
- 14 T The Centre in St John's Street
- 15 W The Old School Café
- 16 T King Edward VI School
- 17 F St Edmundsbury CEVAP School
- 18 S Sexton's Manor School, our *Open the Book* ministry there

- 19 S** Thingoe Lodge housing for independent living
- 20 M All who live in Fornham All Saints
- 21 T Fornham All Saints church
- 22 W *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Fornham All Saints
- 23 T Fornham All Saints Centre for Creative Learning
- 24 F Fornham All Saints Community Centre
- 25 S Fornham All Saints Village Hall

- 26 S** Heath Farm Business Centre
- 27 M For all refugees & asylum seekers; Suffolk Refugee Support
- 28 T For all belonging to other faiths
- 29 W For better understanding between different faiths
- 30 T For those facing religious persecution
- 31 F For those with no faith