

Praying Together

February 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 •

After Candlemas on 2nd February, we have some weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent begins on 5th March. Here is a prayer that can be said every day this month.

O gracious and holy Father.
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you.
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Benedict of Nursia (c.550)

2nd February 2025, 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

9th February, Fourth Sunday before Lent

Collect : O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 6:1-8 [9-end] | Psalm 138 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Luke 5:1-11

16th February, Third Sunday before Lent

Collect : Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

Jeremiah 17:5-10 | Psalm 1 | 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | Luke 6:17-26

23rd 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 2:4b-9. 15-end | Psalm 65 | Revelation 4 | Luke 8:22-25

PRAYING TOGETHER IN FEBRUARY 2025

For the wider community and church

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

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