# **Praying Together** January 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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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 ·

May we all have a peaceful and happy New Year. We pray :

A Collect for the New Year

Eternal Lord God,

we give you thanks for bringing us through the changes of time

to the beginning of another year.

Forgive us the wrong we have done in the year that is past,

and help us to spend the rest of our days

to your honour and glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## 5th January 2025, Epiphany

Collect : O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 60:1-6 | Psalm 72:[1-9] 10-15 | Ephesians 3:1-12 | Matthew 2:1-12

# 12th January, Baptism of Christ

Collect : Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Con, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 43:1-7 | Psalm 29 | Acts 8:14-17 | Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

#### 19th January, Second Sunday of Epiphany

Collect : Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 62:1-5 | Psalm 36:5-10 | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 | John 2:1-11

# 26th January, Third Sunday of Epiphany

Collect : Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Nehemiah 8:1-3. 5-6. 8-10 | Psalm 19:1-6 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a | Luke 4:14-21

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN JANUARY 2025

For the wider community and church

- 1 W For God's blessing on us all at the start of the New Year
- 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