

# ***Praying Together***

*April 2024*

*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 •

*Throughout April we are in the season of Eastertide when we give thanks for the resurrection of Christ.*

*A prayer for every day in Eastertide:*

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **READINGS : 7th April 2024, Second Sunday of Easter**

Collect : Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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.

*Either* Acts 4:32-35 or Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21 | Psalm 133 |  
*either* 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 or Acts 4:32-35 | John 20:19-end

## **14th April, Third Sunday of Easter**

Collect : Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 3:12-19 or Zephaniah 3:14-end | Psalm 4 |  
*either* 1 John 3:1-7 or Acts 3:12-19 | Luke 24:36b-48

## **21st April, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Collect : Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Either* Acts 4:5-12 or Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 | Psalm 23 |  
*either* 1 John 3:16-end or Acts 4:5-12 | John 10:11-18

## **28th April, 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 8:26-end or Baruch 3:9-15. 32 – 4:4 or Genesis 22:1-18 |  
Psalm 22:25-end | *either* 1 John 4:7-end or Acts 8:26-end | John 15:1-8

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN APRIL 2024

### For the wider community and church

- 1 M All affected badly by cost of living difficulties
- 2 T Homeless people; Tayfen House & Britannia House
- 3 W All who work in and visit the King's Forest
- 4 T For our initiatives in dealing with the climate change emergency
- 5 F Lark Valley farms and all who walk on the Lark Valley Path and St Edmunds Way
- 6 S All Saints' Church, Wordwell (Churches Conservation Trust)
- 7 S All who live in Wordwell
- 8 M Moseley's Farm Business Centre
- 9 T All who live in Fornham St Genevieve
- 10 W Hall Farm Business Park
- 11 T Park Farm Business Centre
- 12 F All who take care of the fabric of our churches
- 13 S All who visit our churches as tourists
- 14 S All those preparing for baptism, marriage or confirmation
- 15 M All whose funerals have taken place recently
- 16 T All who mourn
- 17 W West Stow Country Park & Kings Forest Caravan Park
- 18 T West Stow Club
- 19 F St Mary's Church, West Stow
- 20 S Growing in God worship, work & witness at West Stow
- 21 S All who live in West Stow
- 22 M Sports clubs & golf courses
- 23 T Fullers Mill Garden; Chimney Mills Gallery
- 24 W The Suffolk Wildlife Trust at Lackford Lakes
- 25 T St Lawrence's Church, Lackford
- 26 F Growing in God worship, work & witness at Lackford
- 27 S All who live in Lackford
- 28 S All our Clergy, our Reader & Lay Elders
- 29 M For vocations to the ordained and other ministries
- 30 T That our congregations may grow in faith and numbers