

# ***Praying Together***

*May 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 •

*This year Ascension Day is on Thursday 9 May and the Day of Pentecost is on Sunday 19 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.

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## **READINGS : 5th May 2024, 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 10:44-end or Isaiah 55:1-11 | Psalm 98 |  
either 1 John 5:1-6 or Acts 10:44-end | John 15:9-17*

## **12th 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 1:15-17. 21-end or Ezekiel 36:24-28 | Psalm 1 |  
either 1 John 5:9-13 or Acts 1:15-17. 21-end | John 17:6-19*

## **19th 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Psalm 104:26-36. 37b or 104:26-end |  
either Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21 | John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

## **26th 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 6:1-8 | Psalm 29 | Romans 8:12-17 | John 3:1-17*

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN MAY 2024

### For the wider community and church

- 1 W For all badly affected by cost of living difficulties
- 2 T West Suffolk Council
- 3 F Suffolk County Council
- 4 S Parish Councils
  
- 5 S** Bury St Edmunds Town Council
- 6 M Deanery Synod
- 7 T Our Churchwardens and PCC members
- 8 W Deanery Synod; our Rural Dean, the Revd Dr Andrew Miller
- 9 T All who contribute to and read our magazines and news sheets
- 10 F For those who maintain and use our website and other communications
- 11 S St Catherine of Alexandria, Flempton
  
- 12 S** *Growing in God* worship, work & witness in Flempton
- 13 M All who live in Flempton
- 14 T All who are unable to attend church
- 15 W Bury Christian Youth
- 16 T Our work with children, families & schools
- 17 F Mustow Street, Cotton Lane & Eastgate Street area
- 18 S Northgate Street area; Suffolk Deaf Association
  
- 19 S** Crosspenny Court & Redwood Gardens sheltered accommodation
- 20 M Mental health services
- 21 T All who live in Fornham St Martin cum Fornham St Genevieve
- 22 W Fornham St Martin church
- 23 T *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Fornham St Martin
- 24 F Fornham House Care Home
- 25 S The Pines assisted living residence
  
- 26 S** Havebury Housing
- 27 M Our organists, choirs and other musicians
- 28 T For all affected by domestic violence, child & vulnerable adult abuse
- 29 W Our Parish Safeguarding Officers Valerie Axton, Sarah Cooleage, Valerie Wilde
- 30 T Pubs, cafés & restaurants in our benefice
- 31 F Water, energy & telecommunications providers