

# Praying Together

January 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 ▪

In Epiphany we remember that Jesus said 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' (John 8.12).

May the light of Christ always shine in our hearts.

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 our Lord. Amen.

## **4th January 2026, 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

## **11th January, Baptism of Christ**

Collect : Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, 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 42:1-9 | Psalm 29 | Acts 10:34-43 | Matthew 3:13-end

## **18th 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 49:1-7 | Psalm 40:1-12 | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 | John 1:29-42

## **25th January, Conversion of Paul**

Collect : Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your 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.

Jeremiah 1:4-10 or Acts 9:1-22 | Psalm 67 | Acts 9:1-22 or  
Galatians 1:11-16a | Matthew 19:27-end

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN JANUARY 2026

### ***For the wider community and church***

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

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

**11 S** The Salvation Army  
12 M St John's church  
13 T *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at St John's  
14 W The Centre in St John's Street  
15 T The Old School Café  
16 F King Edward VI School  
17 S St Edmundsbury CEVAP School

**18 S** Sexton's Manor School, our Open the Book ministry there  
19 M Thingoe Lodge housing for independent living  
20 T All who live in Fornham All Saints  
21 W Fornham All Saints church  
22 T *Growing in God* worship, work & witness at Fornham All Saints  
23 F Fornham All Saints Centre for Creative Learning  
24 S Fornham All Saints Community Centre

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