

# ***Praying Together***

***OCTOBER 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 •

The season of Creationtide ends on 4th October when we remember Francis of Assisi (d.1226). Francis taught his followers to love poverty and simplicity and he was known for his love of the natural world.

For reflection: What can I do to help sustain God's wonderful creation?

We pray :

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself

to the child-like and lowly of heart:

grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,

we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness

and know only Christ and him crucified,

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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### **4th October, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Collect : Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting 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* Isaiah 5:1-7 *or* Exodus 20:1-4. 7-9. 12-20 | Psalm 80:8-16 | Philippians 3:4b-14 | Matthew 21:33-end

### **11th October, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Collect : O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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* Isaiah 25:1-9 *or* Exodus 32:1-14 | Psalm 23 | Philippians 4:1-9 | Matthew 22:1-14

### **18th October, Luke the Evangelist**

Collect : Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power of heal; 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* Isaiah 35:3-6 *or* Acts 16:6-12a | Psalm 147:1-7 | 2 Timothy 4:5-17 | Luke 10:1-9

### **25th October, Bible Sunday**

Collect : Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life which you have given us in our saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Nehemiah 8:1-4a [5-6] 8-12 | Psalm 119:9-16 | Colossians 3:12-17 | Matthew 24:30-35

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN OCTOBER 2026

### *For the wider community and church*

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