

# PRAYER DIARY FOR MAY 2017

Remember: prayer makes the impossible POSSIBLE!

1. Pray for us to have the faith and dedication of the Apostles Philip and James, so that we too might come to know Jesus Christ as The Way, The Truth and The Life.
2. Pray that, in this National Walking Month, we all comes to recognise and appreciate the benefits of the beautiful countryside in which we live. Thank God for His wonderful creation.
3. Pray today for a successful Joint Prayer Meeting with the Baptist Church. May many attend, in a spirit of unity and commitment to the spreading of the gospel.
4. Pray for guidance and wisdom at tonight's Bures PCC meeting. Ask the Lord to direct the decision making. Pray also for today's County Council Elections. May God fill with sincerity and a desire to serve all those seeking to govern us.
5. Pray for a happy and joyous meeting of the First Friday Lunch Club. Give thanks for all those who organise these events.
6. Pray for God's help and comfort in these turbulent times. Pray for those who might now be feeling doubt about their relationship with God. Ask that they will rediscover His abiding love and protection.
7. Pray on this **Fourth Sunday after Easter** for the Baptism of Arthur Shipton. May the Spirit of the Lord bless him and his parents Carly and Danny.
8. Pray, at the start of this Red Cross Week, for the safety of all those involved in humanitarian work, often in dangerous conditions.
9. Pray for the Year 6 SATS week to run smoothly, so that the Bures pupils feel confident and even enjoy the experience.
10. Pray for the informal service and Open Door cafe which takes place on Wednesdays. Ask that many feel drawn to attend.
11. Pray for all those affected by mental health problems. Pray that they will be correctly diagnosed and receive the medical and therapeutic help they need.
12. Pray for the success of the Little Cornard Flower Festival this weekend.
13. Pray on this World Fairtrade Day, for the continuing positive impact of this organization. Ask also that many people attend the Bures Market on the Common today.
14. Pray, on this **Fifth Sunday after Easter**, that this Christian Aid Week may be generously supported.
15. Pray today for families, that they may be united and care for each other. Ask God to protect them.
16. Pray for good weather for the farming community, so that there is plenty of rain to germinate seeds and wash nitrogen into the soil for the grass and cereals.
17. Pray for today's Clergy Chapter Meeting, that the meeting will be a fruitful time of spiritual growth and commitment.
18. Pray for the good health and protection of the clergy team preparing for Letton Hall tomorrow.
19. Pray for all those travelling to Letton Hall, that they may have safe journeys. Ask too that the weather is fine for the whole weekend.
20. Pray for all those attending Letton Hall that this may be a time of blessing and spiritual growth for all those there. Pray for God's guidance for all those leading and teaching, especially Matt Thomson, and those doing the children's work.
21. Pray on this **Sixth Sunday after Easter** that there will be lasting spiritual benefits for all those who have attended the Benefice Weekend.
22. Pray that God will be continually at work through the membership of the church and that we may show His love and care in our community.
23. Pray for tomorrow's Archdeacon's Visitation at St.Gregory's Church, Sudbury.
24. Pray for the Stepping Stones service this afternoon. May it be a fun, and inspirational time for all there.
25. Pray and give thanks on this **Ascension Day** for Jesus' gift of life and forgiveness to us. Pray also for the work of the Elders, as they meet this afternoon.
26. Pray for continuing happy fellowship for the Bures Youth Club and Youth Group.
27. Pray today for the joyful wedding of Daniel Sexton and Vicky Arnold. Ask God to give them a wonderful day.
28. Pray on this **Seventh Sunday after Easter** for the Lord's blessing on us. May the Rogation Walk be well attended.
29. Pray and give thanks for all those volunteers who work "behind the scenes" in our church..
30. Pray today for all the staff and pupils of our Bures School, as they enjoy a well-earned rest in this half term week.
31. Pray that more people experience the blessing of the power of prayer.

**Prayer is your conversation with God.**

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