

We pray for



If you know of someone who might like prayer, needs a home visit or is unable to get to church and would like communion in their home, please speak to a member of the clergy or one of the Welcome Team.



We offer a personal ministry of prayer every week during the 10:30 Service. If you wish to bring anything to God in prayer, and in private, please go to the South Porch after the service where two people will be available to pray with you.

Loop System: For people who are hard of hearing the church has a 'loop system'. Please adjust your hearing aid to 'T' and if possible sit at least 2 feet away from church walls.

Toilet Facilities: The toilet is located at the back of the church through the doors to the kitchen.

Alcohol Free Wine for Communion: Please inform the minister at the communion rail if you would prefer alcohol free wine.

Vicar: Rev'd Steve Morley 01787 227407 vicar@parishchurch.co.uk
(Please note Monday is Steve's day off)

Notice Sheet items should be sent to office@parishchurch.co.uk

The Parish Office, The Vicarage, Church Square, Bures CO8 5AA
**01787 227407 - Tuesday to Friday between the hours of
9.00am - 1.00pm**



Church News Sunday 18th March 2018

Today's Services - Lent 5

8.00	Holy Communion (BCP) Bures: <i>Steve Morley</i>
10.30	Morning Worship Bures: <i>Elders/Steve Morley</i>
10.30	Family Service Assington: <i>Tricia Box</i>
10.30	Holy Communion Little Cornard: <i>Mary Cantacuzene</i>

Next Sunday's Services - Palm Sunday

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10.30	Family Communion Bures: <i>Mary Cantacuzene</i>
10.30	Morning Worship Assington: <i>Andrew Clifft</i>
10.30	Holy Communion Little Cornard: <i>Steve Morley</i>

What's happening this week (see notices)

Mon	9.00	Bishops Pilgrimage, Bures
Wed	10.00	Informal Service of Morning Prayer, Bures
	10.30	'Open Door' Drop-in café, Bures
	2.15	Stepping Stones
Fri	9.00	Morning Prayer, Little Cornard
Sat	9.30	Church Spring Clean
Sun	12.45	Solos on Sunday

Welcome It is good to have you all with us today. Please stay for tea and coffee after the Service. If you are new here, we would like to keep in touch with you. Please fill in a Welcome Card and hand it to the person taking the service or one of the Welcoming Team.



For more details of what's on see:

www.parishchurch.co.uk

www.facebook.com/Messy-Church-St-Marys-Bures

What is happening this week

Bishops Pilgrimage Bishops' Lent Pilgrimage 2018

This year, Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike are starting their Lent Pilgrimage to the cathedral in our patch! On Monday, 19th March at 9am, they will be celebrating Holy Communion up at St Stephen's Chapel to mark the start of their walk, before walking the first leg down to St Mary's where they will meet the children from Bures Primary School from 10am – 10.30am. They then continue their walk towards Sudbury. It would be great if as many of us as possible could join the bishops at the Communion Service and/or accompany them on any of the stages of their walk. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website or have a word with Steve.

Rebekah White is also very excited to have been chosen as one a group of students from Thomas Gainsborough School to meet the Bishops later in the day. Please mention Rebekah in your prayers, as not only is she very proud but also nervous (particularly as she was confirmed by one of them). How wonderful!

Stepping Stones - Wednesday 21st March at the **2.15pm**, St Mary's (*for babes, little ones and their parents/carers - 20 minutes of fun, stories and song, followed by refreshments and play*). Newcomers are always welcome, therefore if you know of any young families that might be interested, please pass on the information ...

Mothers' Union - Thursday 22nd March. We are looking forward to welcoming Lynda Lee who is giving a talk entitled "To be a Pilgrim". Lynda has followed many pilgrimage routes, the last one to Santiago de Compostella, so this will be very interesting. All warmly welcome to come along (whether you are a member of the Mother's Union or not!).

Annual Big Church Spring Cleaning Morning - We would love you to join us on Saturday 24th March from 9.30am - 12.30pm to help clean and tidy. 'Many hands make light work' and of course there will be plenty of good company and yummy refreshments to lighten the load. We really do appreciate people giving up their precious time to help out and keep our church looking lovely!

Solos on Sunday - Sunday 25th March from 12.45pm at St Mary's. All who would otherwise be 'home alone' are welcome to come along to our bring and share lunch. Please see the sign-up sheet just inside the church door.

Notices

Churchwarden Vacancy - After many years of dedicated and fantastic service to St Mary's, Dick will be retiring in April. If you are interested in becoming a Churchwarden, please have a chat with Steve to discover what is involved.

Electoral Roll - Are you on it?

As we approach the date of this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting ('APCM') on 10th April, Sue Ryman will be doing her usual updating of the Electoral Roll over the next few weeks. If you are part of our church family here at St Mary's but are not yet on the Electoral Roll, please let Sue know and she will arrange for you to be added. Inclusion on the Electoral Roll is important, because it gives you the right to vote, be involved in the PCC, and generally have a greater say in the mission and running of the church.

This year the **APCM is on Tuesday 10th April at 7.30pm in the church**. Following the meeting, there will be a 'Bring and Share Supper'. Therefore it would be great if anyone attending brings along a SMALL plate of finger food (nothing that requires a knife or fork) and wine will be provided. Many thanks. Come and share the vision!

Open Gardens Weekend - We would very much welcome volunteers to run the cream teas in Church on Sunday 27th May 2-5pm. The Mothers Union are in charge on the Saturday and Carol Barnham and Team are running the Cake Stall both days. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Ken Jackson on 227860. All proceeds from the whole event will this year be shared between St Mary's Church and the Air Ambulance charity. There will be over 15 gardens open, some new to the scheme, and several extra attractions. Thank you for your kind support..