



We offer a private and personal ministry of prayer at every **10:30 Sunday Service**. If you wish to bring anything to God please go to the South Porch at the end of the service where two people will pray with you.

During our Communion Services, Prayer Ministry starts whilst the bread and wine is being distributed, so please feel free to go to the South Porch at any point after you have taken Communion or received a blessing.

Care and support in prayer is available right up until the last person leaves church. Please be assured that our Prayer Ministry team is always there for everyone, no matter how big or small the need.

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, one of the Welcome Team or contact the church office or visit our **Prayer Tree** and write a prayer request on a card. Our Prayer Team will read the card and pray together on Wednesday.



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**



St Mary's Bures

Church News Sunday 19th May

Today's Services - 19th May

- 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) Bures: *Tricia Box*
- 10.30 Morning Worship Bures: *Elders*
- 10.30 Family Communion Assington: *Steve Morley*
- 10.30 Holy Communion Little Cornard: *Tricia Box*

Next Sunday's Services - 26th May

- 10.30 Morning Worship Assington: *John Symons*
- 10.30 Holy Communion: Little Cornard: *Steve Morley*
- 6.30pm Evensong Bures (Open Gardens): *Steve Morley*

What's happening this week (see notices)

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| Wed | 9.15 | Prayers in the South Porch, Bures |
| | 10.00 | Informal Service of Morning Prayer, Bures |
| | 10.30 | 'Open Door' Drop-in café, Bures |
| | 2.15pm | Stepping Stones, Bures |
| Thurs | 7.30pm | Mothers' Union, Bures |
| Fri | 9.00 | Morning Prayer, Little Cornard |
| Sat | 8.30 | Prayers in the South Porch, Bures |

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's happening this week ...



@ st mary's church

for babies, little ones and their parents/carers - 20 mins of fun, bible story & songs followed by teas/coffees & play

wednesday 22 may

@ 2.15 pm



Mothers' Union

Thursday 23rd May

7.30pm at St Mary's

This month, we are very pleased to welcome a speaker from the Ipswich Womens Refuge.

Please feel free to join us ...

Everyone welcome!

Bures Open Gardens

Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May

We have 25 lovely gardens open this year including Bures Primary School, Ferriers Barn and the Station. The inside of the church will be decorated with a wonderful array of flowers. Plants from individual gardens will be available to purchase. Cakes and good quality books will be on sale and (weather permitting), lunches will be available on the Bures Common from 12.30 to 2.00pm. If that's not tempting enough, delicious cream teas will be served each day from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. **Tickets are £5 (and will be available in church).** Proceeds will be shared between St Mary's Church and two local hospices, St Nicholas and St Helena. **A wonderful event not to be missed ...**



Church Notice Board



Fifty-eight of us from the Benefice and the Baptist Church arrived in sunny Leicestershire on Friday evening. The venue was Launde Abbey - a stunning 900 year old house, steeped in worship with very extensive grounds.

We soon found our rooms and came to a sumptuous dinner at 7pm. Afterwards we met together for worship and to be introduced to our 2 speakers.

Rev David Cook is a retired vicar who lives in Bourton on the Water. Dave Hopwood is a self-employed Christian speaker and mime artist who goes into churches and schools to communicate the gospel in a variety of ways.

David's message in his 3 talks was "Discovering Our Potential"; 1. In ourselves, 2. In the community, 3. In the World. These were brilliant and very inspirational. If you want to hear them (again) they will be put on to the church website.

On Saturday Dave gave us an hour's captivating talk (with film extracts) on modern films and their relevance to the Gospel. He also performed a mesmerising mime in the Communion service on Sunday Morning illustrating Ezekiel's vision of dry bones.

Saturday afternoon was free. A number went on a walk; others visited Oakham while others slept!

Saturday evening was a chance to show individual talents from those among us. This was hilarious and lasted 1 hour and 40 minutes. It included a mime from David about discovering a Box of chocolates, instructions from David as to how to feed a cat a pill; and an inspired piece of acting from the Vicar as Tigger in a sketch from Winnie the Pooh.

After the moving Sunday Morning Communion Service we had lunch and reluctantly left this beautiful venue to travel home.

Murray Emerson