



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church  
 Elton Bury**

Sunday 14th January 2018



**Collect for 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

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.

**Today's Readings**

1st	1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10 (11 - 20)	OT page	254
2nd	Revelation 5: 1 - 10	NT page	245
	Gospel John 1: 43 - 51	NT page	89
	Psalm 139: 1 - 5, 12 - 18	OT page	589
<b>Evensong</b>			
	Isaiah 60: 9 - 22	OT page	701
	Hebrews 6: 17 - 7: 10	NT page	218

**Services**

Today

8.00 Holy Communion  
 Rev. Janet Lyssejko

9.30 Holy Communion  
 Rev. Janet Lyssejko

6.00 Evensong

Next Week

8.00 Holy Communion  
 Rev. Janet Lyssejko

9.30 Holy Communion  
 Rev. Paul Sanderson

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Buxton Street, Craig Avenue, Fieldhead Avenue and Knight Street.

We especially pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick or mourning the loss of a loved one.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Tottington Methodist.

**Post Communion Prayer**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please join us in the Centenary Room after the 9.30am service for refreshments and fellowship.

As we look into a New Year we face many challenges and opportunities. Like many churches we face the continuing challenge of maintaining our finances in order to continue our service to Elton. This is an area that we will look at during the first half of the year. Alongside this we have a number of projects that will need our combined attention and effort. We need to draw up our Mission Action Plan (MAP) so we use our people and resources most effectively in serving God in our parish. At some point in 2018 we will be appointing a new Priest in Charge; the preparation of our parish profile for this should be combined with our MAP to give the fullest possible picture of the vision for our parish and its new priest. We also have plans for improving the Centenary Room which will require a team to coordinate our efforts so we can raise the funds required. More detailed information for each of these will be provided by the PCC of the next few months so please look out for it and most importantly pray for God's guidance in all of these things; not forgetting to ask how you can play your part in all of this.

### **Beat the January Blues**

On Saturday 27th January there is a 60's Party Night in the Centenary Room. Music will be provided by the Dodgers. Tickets are £5 available from the Flower Team. 60's dress is optional. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

### **Priestly Support**

As you may be aware the United Benefice of Walmersley Road has agreed to support us at this time. The Rev. Dave Thompson and Rev. Paul Sanderson will provide us with support and clergy cover for the next few months. Paul will cover most of the services and Dave will provide assistance as required. Paul will effectively take on the role of our priest until we make a permanent appointment. Please join us in thanking them for this generous offer and praying for them as they seek to lead us forward.

### **Flower Donations**

*If you would like to celebrate an anniversary or commemorate a loved one please speak to a member the flower team.*

### **Prayer Meeting**

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 17th January at 7.00pm**, just before the PCC meeting. We continue to seek God's will for us here in Elton. As we look to the future we must seek God's guidance and base our decisions in prayer.

### **What's on**

Today 2.00pm Panto rehearsal in school

Wednesday

Midweekers - 1.30pm in the Centenary Room - Bingo

Prayer Meeting - 7.00pm in the Lady Chapel  
PCC - &.30pm in the Centenary Room

Thursday Panto rehearsal 7.00pm in school

### **Social events & fundraising**

There will be a meeting after the 9.30am service next Sunday, 21st January, to brainstorm ideas for fun, fellowship and money raising over this year. please come with your ideas and let's see if we can get at least one event each month.

### **Advent Study Course**

This is ongoing through January so see Celia if you would like to attend.

The news sheet can be found on our website @ [www.ststephenelton.com](http://www.ststephenelton.com)

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