



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 28th January 2018

Collect for Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Services

Today

8.00 Holy Communion
 Rev. Janet Lyssejko

9.30 Holy Communion
 Rev. Noel Procter

Next Week

8.00 Holy Communion
 Rev. Paul Sanderson

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Today's Readings

1st	Malachi 3: 1 - 5	OT page 904
2nd	Hebrews 2: 14 - 18	NT page 216
	Gospel Luke 2: 22 - 40	NT page 56
	Psalm 24	OT page 513

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Newington drive, Ramsey Grove, Stephen Street South and Warlingham Close

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 Blackford Bridge United Reformed Church

Flower Donations

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Flower Festival 2018

The flower team are holding a **Coffee and Bring and Buy Morning**, in aid of funds for the flower festival, on **Saturday 10th February** in the centenary room **10 am until 12 noon**. Entrance is £1 including tea/coffee and a biscuit. Look forward to seeing you there. The flower Team

Over the next few weeks you will start to hear more about the exciting plans our Flower team have for this event. It will be held on 8th, 9th & 10th of June and there will be lots going on. There is much planning and preparation to be done and they will need our support. Keep any eye out for things you can help with.

Hoe Down

We are holding a Hoe Down at school on **Saturday 3rd March** at 7.30. Music and instruction will be provided by Change of Key. All ages are welcome, this is a family event. Tickets are £5 available from Debbie Fitton. Further details available on the poster or website.

Pantomime - Cinderella

This year's pantomime will be held in school during half term on **Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February**. Oh yes it is! Tickets are available from Queen Marjorie and her minions in the Centenary room after the 9.30am service or in school on Sunday afternoons from 2.00pm. Lets spread the word and fill the hall every night.

Bible Study Course

The study course started during Advent is being continued in January for the next three weeks. The course is looking at the book of Esther. It is on Thursdays at 10.00am. Please see Celia Dutton for further details.

Our **Ash Wednesday Eucharist** this year will be a Shared Service for the Bury West parishes, and will take place on Ash Wednesday, the **14th of February**, at **7.30pm in All Saints**. This is the best excuse ever to avoid expensive restaurant bookings for Valentine's Day, so I encourage you to come for Ash Wednesday and go out on another night, as it will be much cheaper...

Prayer Meeting

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 21st February** 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 - Pointless

Thursday Panto rehearsal 7.00pm in school

APCM

Our annual church meeting will take place in the Centenary room on **Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm**. The full timetable and further details will be made available soon. Please will all groups and organisations send their reports to Tony Parsons by **Sunday 24th February** to enable the Annual Report to be compiled in good time?

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