



Welcome to

**St Stephen's Church  
Elton Bury**

Sunday 25th February 2018



**Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Services**

Today - Teach

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Holy Communion

Next Week - Transform

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Holy Communion

**Today's Readings**

1st	1 Timothy 4: 6 - 12	NT page	206
	Gospel Matthew 28: 16 - 20	NT page	32

**Flower Donations**

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Beckenham Close, Kitchener Street, Ormskirk Close and Sandhurst Road.

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 the Metro Christian Centre.

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

### What's on

Monday 2.00pm Lent Study course at 37 Kenmore Avenue

**Monday 7.00pm Lent Study Course in church. Please note the change of day**

Tuesday 7.30pm Flower Festival Meeting in the Centenary Room.

Wednesday 1.30pm Midweekers - Line dancing

### Children's Society Boxes

It's that time of year again. Please will you give your boxes to Lynda Rigg for opening as soon as possible?

### 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.

### Women's World Day of Prayer

This event will take place at Bolton Road Methodist Church, along with 170 countries and islands, on Friday 2 March at 2.00pm. Here in the British Isles some 6000 services will be taking place. The service this year has been written by the women of Suriname which is on the coast of Brazil. Everyone is welcome to join in.

### 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. All groups and organisations please send their reports to Tony Parsons by **TODAY** to enable the Annual Report to be compiled in good time?

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

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### Lent Study Course The Five Marks of Mission

This week our theme is **TEACH**. Each week you will hear the theme during the sermon and then be able to discover more at our study groups. The Five Marks of Mission are Tell, Teach, Transform, Tend and Treasure.

### Water Aid

Throughout Lent we traditionally support this charity. The collection boxes have run out so we will be operating a retiring collection at all services. throughout Lent.

### Gift Day

We are holding our gift day this year on Saturday 17th March from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Church will be open for quiet meditation and gifts can be deposited at the Altar. Refreshments will be available in the Centenary Room. We need stewards and a team for refreshments for this day. You don't need to commit to the whole four hours. If you can give an hour of your time, please speak to the wardens.

### First Aid Workshop

The British Red Cross are offering free first aid workshops. The workshop would take place in the Centenary Room on a Friday. A maximum of 15 people at any one workshop. If you are interested see the wardens. When we have your numbers and availability a workshop will be arranged.

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