



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury

Sunday 18th March 2018

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Leviticus 25: 1 - 6a NT page 116
Gospel Luke 12: 12 - 21 NT page 71

Services

Today - Treasure

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Holy Communion

Next Week

8.00 Holy Communion

9.30 Holy Communion

Palm Sunday

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday 9.30am Dramatic reading

Monday 7.00pm Compline - Celia

Tuesday 7.00pm Compline - Tony

Wednesday 7.00pm Compline - Harold

Thursday 7.30pm United Eucharist Service

Thursday 9.00pm Watch With Me One Hour.

Passion readings on the hour; silence punctuated by Taize chants

Good Friday 12.30pm Walk of Witness Bury URC

Good Friday 2.00pm Meditation

Easter Eve 8.00pm Easter Vigil

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Birkdale Drive, Elton Brook Close, Harvey Street and Railway Terrace.

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 Brandlesholme Methodist Church.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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

Babies & Toddlers

We have a play area for babies and toddlers with toys and books. The service is relayed so you can remain part of all of our worship. There are also baby changing facilities in our toilet in the porch. The Wardens and Sides-persons will direct you.

Easter Lilies

Once again we will decorate church for Easter with lilies in memory of our loved ones. If you wish to remember a loved one please give their name(s) and £3 to a member of the Flower Team by 25th March. Thank you.

What's on

Monday 2.00pm Lent Study course at 37 Kenmor Avenue

Tuesday 7.00pm Lent Study Course in church.

Wednesday 1.30pm Midweekers - Planning/Cards
7.00pm Prayer Meeting - Lady Chapel
7.30pm PCC - Centenary Room

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. Please give generously.

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Joyce Bury - in memory of her mother, Marion Aspden

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

Lent Study Course The Five Marks of Mission

This week our theme is **TREASURE**. 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.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

We intend to have a Grand Raffle and would be very grateful for donations towards a spirit hamper, a wine hamper and a food hamper. Please see the church wardens or any of the flower team regarding a donation so we don't duplicate items. We also will be having a tombola. The Flower Festival is a large undertaking and will require as many of us as possible to get involved. There are forms in the porch showing how you can help. Please take one and let us know what you would be willing to do. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

His story - Our Story

There will be a full 'out loud' reading of Mark's Gospel on **Saturday 24th March from 11.00am to 1.00pm** at St James Church Woolfold BL8 1PY. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided. At the end of the reading we will share in a 'bring and share' lunch.

Stand by your bowls, wooden spoons at the ready!

THE CAKE STALL NEEDS YOU!

Janet Taylor is looking for volunteers to make cakes and assist in the selling of them at the Flower Festival. All help would be appreciated; please let me know. Thank you.

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