



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
 Sunday 27th November 2022  
 Advent Sunday

**This Week**

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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**Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Collect for Advent Sunday**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	isaiah 2: 1 - 5	OT page	641
2nd	Romans 13: 11 - end	NT page	158
Gospel	Matthew 24: 36 - 44	NT page	26
Psalm	122	OT page	583

**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 pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick, especially today for Lynne Mullane, Joseph Atwell, Kath Wells, Ian Francis, Rev. Derek French, Gloria Beecraft, and Phylis Le Fevre.

We pray today for all mourn the recent loss of a loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sister at Bury Metro Centre, especially their pastor Tristan Sherwin.

**What's on**

**Today**

2.00pm

Children's Panto rehearsal in school.

4.30pm

Mission Community Advent Carol Service at Bury Parish Church

**Wednesday 30th**

1.00pm

Midweekers - CD's

7.00pm

Games evening

**Friday 2nd**

7.15pm

Christmas Magic

**Flower Donations**

If you would like to celebrate an anniversary or commemorate a loved one by placing flowers on the Altar, Lady Chapel, lectern or Book of Remembrance please speak to a member of the flower team, or contact June Berry on 0161 761 2643.

**Children**

There is a creche area at the back of the Lady Chapel on the left for you and your parents to use during our services. We also have a Junior Church for 5 year olds and upwards in the Centenary room during the 10.00am service, when there isn't a family service. There are songs, readings and crafts for all ages.

Please join us in the Centenary Room after the 10.00am service for refreshments and fellowship.



### **700 Club**

We have five spare numbers. Please speak to Anne Broadrick if you are interested in joining. November winners are £25 Jenny Downham (45); £10 Barbara Ingham (16); £5 Joanne Mason (33); £5 Hazel Lomas (27).

Remember, December is the big annual draw with the winner receiving £75, 2nd £15, 3rd £10 and 4th £5, so if you don't have a number now is the time to join.

### **Mother's Union**

Thank you to all those who donated writing and drawing material for the children's creche when they visit their parents at HM Prison in Manchester. The donations were much appreciated. This appeal finished today. Anne and Carol.

Deanery Project, Eagles Wings. Donations of chocolate selection boxes would be appreciated to give to the refugee children at their Christmas Party. Donations to Anne Broadrick and Carol Heyes

### **Christmas Hampers**

To take part put your name on an envelope and only £5 inside. They will be drawn on **Sat. 3rd Dec.** The hampers are really good. Try to enter before the 3rd. Envelopes are on the notice board. Return to Ann S asap. Thanks and good luck.

Christmas Concert with the Square Street Singers - A Tottington Rotary Club fundraising event. Seasonal music concert at St. John's Free Church, Kirklees Street, Tottington on **Friday 16th Dec. at 7.30pm**. Tickets cost £5 to include light refreshment. Please feel free to bring own drinks/tipples/nibbles. Please see Val Eustice if you require tickets.

### **How to Contact Us**

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### **Diary Dates**

#### **Christmas Magic Friday 2nd December, 7.15pm**

The drama group are performing an evening of songs, comedy and a Christmas Carol sing along. There will be mince pies and drinks available at the interval. Tickets are £5.00 and are available now.

#### **Christmas Cafe and Mini Market**

**Saturday 3rd December 10am to 2pm** in the Centenary Room. Admission is free. See Ann Sullivan now for the Bumper Christmas Hamper entries. Winners will be drawn at 1.30pm on the day. Anne Broadrick is calling on all bakers to donate cakes to the mini market.

#### **Advent Carol Service**

Our Mission Community is having a joint service at St Mary the Virgin, **4.30pm TODAY**. People from all of our churches are taking part with short readings and talks. Come along and enjoy a great service, with folks from every worshipping community, seeking God's blessing on our Mission Community. There will be refreshments afterwards.

#### **Church Cleaning**

We will be cleaning church on Saturday 10th December from 9.30am for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

#### **Advent & Christmas Services**

Sunday 11th - 6.00pm - Evensong

Wednesday 14th - 6.00pm - Christingle

Sunday 18th - 6.00pm - Carol Service

Saturday 24th - 6.00pm - Carols around the Tree

Saturday 24th - 11.30pm - Christmas Eucharist

Sunday 25th - 10.00am (only) - Christmas Eucharist

### **Christmas Cards**

We would like to ask you to consider giving a donation to this worthy charity rather than sending Christmas cards to all your friends at church. The board at the back of church will be available for you to send a single card or a star to people at church and a donation box for your gift. Heather Cauldwell has further details about the charity.

Also, our annual joint card with Bolton Road Methodist church is ready for distribution. Please can you speak to Paul if you can help with our portion of the deliveries? Many thanks.

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

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