



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 4th December 2022

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Family Service
6.00	Evensong

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Isaiah 11: 1 - 10	OT page	650
2nd	Romans 15: 4 - 13	NT page	159
Gospel	Matthew 3: 1 - 12	NT page	2
Psalm	72: 1-7, 18-19	OT page	545

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Maureen Cooper in memory of Ian for 29th November.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in church over Christmas to remember a loved one please give their name and £5 to a member of the Flower Team.

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.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Buller Street, Heapy Close, Moreton Drive and Wingate Avenue.

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 who mourn the recent loss of a loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We especially pray for our dearly beloved friend, Marjorie Atkinson, her daughters, Sylvia, Julie and Wendy and all her family.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sister at Blackford Bridge URC, especially Rev Daniel Harris and the elders.

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. 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

Christmas Party this Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Centenary Room. Games, nibbles and refreshments on the night.

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 has finished. 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 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 Caldwell 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.

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.

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What's on

Today

2.00pm Children's Panto rehearsal in school.

Wednesday 7th

1.00pm Midweekers - Card games

7.00pm Mothers' Union

Thursday 8th

7.00pm Drama Group

Saturday 10th

9.30am Church cleaning

Diary Dates

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



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