

This Week

Today

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Week

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Service

6.00 Choral Evensong

Welcome to St Stephen's Church Elton Bury

Sunday 1st January 2023

Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Number 6: 22 - end	OT page	129
2nd	Galatians 4: 4 - 7	NT page	186
Gospel	Luke 2: 15 - 21	NT page	56
Psalm	8	OT page	503

Flower Donations

Christmas Poinsettias

Anyone wishing to take their poinsettia home please see a member of the flower team after the service.

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.



In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Edgeworth Drive, Mile Lane, Stephen Street and Wellington Street.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick, especially today for 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 Elizabeth Pittam and all her family and friends.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sister at Bury Christian Fellowship, especially their pastor, Nigel Thompson.

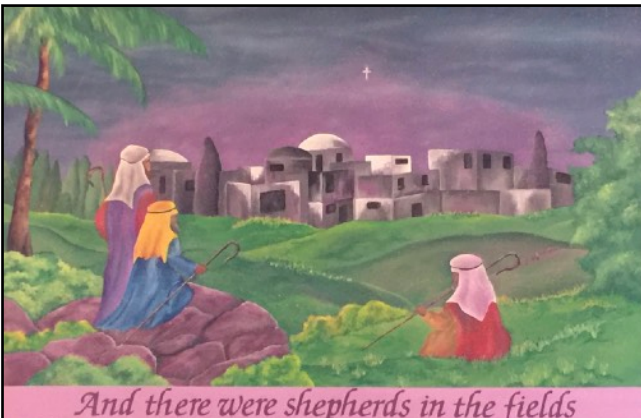
Stamps for Bury Hospice

Please will you collect all the stamps from your Christmas cards and bring them to church. There is a collection box in the porch. Alternatively you can give them to Janis or Ronnie. They are given to Bury Hospice who use them to raise funds. Thank you.

Pantomime 2023

Despite the sudden loss of our Pantomime Queen, Marjorie Atkinson, the whole team have decided, as we firmly believe she would have wished, that the show must go on! We will be staging performances of The Queen of Hearts during February half term holidays, on 23rd, 24th and 25th of February. Full details and tickets will be available shortly.

As many of you know Marjorie was the key to everything, organising and ensuring that each part happened as it needed to. We know a lot, but not everything and without her we will need support from many of you. If you are able to help us in anyway please let us know. We will let you know specifics soon. Thank you in advance.



News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com

What's on

Wednesday 4th

10.00 - 1.00 Warm Wednesday
1.30pm Midweekers - Board Games
7.00pm Mothers' Union

Thursday 5th

7.00pm Pantomime rehearsal

Sunday 8th

Children's Pantomime rehearsal

Warm Wednesday

Every Wednesday, until further notice, from 10.00am to 1.00pm tea and toast and other refreshments are available in the Centenary Room along with a very warm welcome and hospitality. Invite your neighbours along to a warm space where they can have fun and fellowship in a cozy place. No charge.

Fundraising

A huge thank you for all of the recent effort to raise funds for church. There were a number of events which many of you attended or supported. The amounts raised were as follows.

Mini Market - £236.50
Christmas Hampers - £355.00
Quiz Nite - £244.00
Christmas Magic - £620.80

Please get your think caps on for what events you would like to arrange or support for 2023. Once again a massive thank you for all the time, effort and money you give.

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