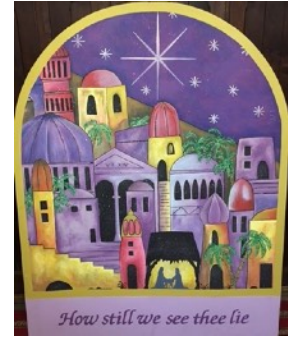




Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**

Saturday 24th December 2022



**Collect for Christmas Night**

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.

**Services**

Christmas Eve  
 11.30pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day  
 10.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st January 2023  
 10.00 Holy Communion



**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and forever.

**Christmas Greetings**

Last year we hoped that 2022 would be a better year. With regards to Covid it has been, but we have lost a lot of faithful friends and family this year who we will miss this Christmas. We remember them with thankfulness. Christ came at Christmas so death does not have the last word. We celebrate the new-born child who will become the saviour of mankind. Thank you for your cards and best wishes. And I wish you all a very peace filled Christmas. In lieu of cards to everyone I have made a donation to Stars for Wishes and hung the STAR on the tree. Please consider doing the same. God Bless and Keep You, Your Priest and Friend. Paul.

**Today's Readings**

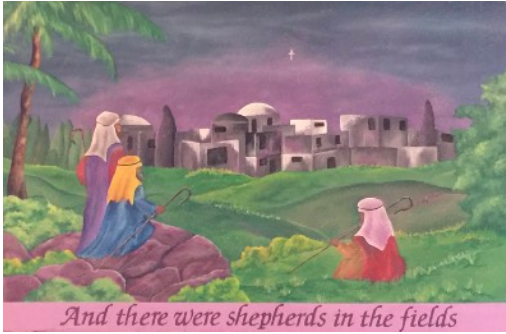
1st	Isaiah 52: 7 - 10	OT page 693
2nd	Hebrews 1: 1 - 7	NT page 215
Gospel	Luke 2: 15 - 20	NT page 56
Psalm	98	OT page 563

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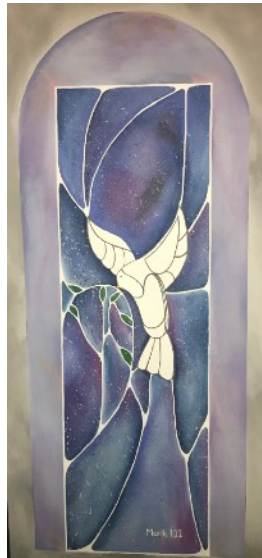
Sunday 25th December 2022

**Collect for Christmas Day**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

**Services**

Christmas Day  
10.00am Holy Communion  
Sunday 1st January 2023  
10.00am Holy Communion



**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord.

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**In our Prayers**

We pray for our community especially those who live in Dearden Fold, Eagle Drive, Garstang Drive and Greenhill Road; may they know the light of our Saviour. We pray for all who are in need of healing and comfort and for those who are lonely at this time. We continue to pray for all who mourn. May your Holy Spirit comfort us all in our distress.

**Today's Readings**

1st	Isaiah 9: 2 - 7	OT page	648
2nd	Titus 2: 11 - 14	NT page	212
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