



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 29th January 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Week

8.15 Holy Communion
at All Saints

10.00 Morning Prayer

**Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the
Temple**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the
Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we
may be presented to you with pure and clean
hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and
Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our
community who live or work in Blackrod Drive, Dow
Lane, Ivy Road and Sunningdale Close.

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,
Phylis Le Fevre and Janis Howarth.

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 Keith Smillie, his
mother Wendy, brother Chris and all their family and
friends.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our
brothers and sisters at Christ Church Walshaw,
especially their Wardens as they continue in
interregnum.

This Week's Readings

1st	Malachi 3: 1 - 5	OT page	904
2nd	Hebrews 2: 14 - end	NT page	216
Gospel	Luke 2: 22 - 40	NT page	56
Psalm	24: 7 - end	OT page	513

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.



Centenary Room Refurbishment

After a lot of effort and discussions the committee have presented their proposal to the PCC for the renewal of the Centenary Room. We will be sharing this briefly during the 10.00am service **TODAY**. Details and drawings will be available at the back of church and members of the committee will be on hand to answer your questions.

APCM 2023

This year's APCM will be on Wednesday 19th April, time and venue to be confirmed. Please will all organisations and officers email their reports to tony.parsons67@gmail.com by Sunday 5th March so that the annual report can be created? If you have any questions regarding this please speak to me, Tony Parsons. Thank you.

Junior Church Needs You

From March we will have no Junior Church Leaders. We have 16 children in total who attend several times a year and some most weeks. It is a crucial ministry without which we will lose the children as a full adult service is not appropriate. I appreciate leading needs confidence and skill which I know some of you have from previous employment or experience in leading Junior Church in the past. We need ideally 3 leaders (+ assistants for safeguarding purposes) to each cover 1 Sunday of 3 a month term time only. We use pre prepared worksheets requiring minimal prep. There is normally a choice of an activity - craft, drama etc. which would require a bit more prep. If you want to find out more then have a word with me. There will be a meeting after Church on 12th Feb. Children's input to this meeting will be welcome. We will also discuss other roles older children might take on in church and as junior leaders. Please help if you can.

How to Contact Us

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What's on

Wednesday 1st

7.00pm Mothers' Union

Thursday 2nd

7.00pm Pantomime rehearsal in school

Sunday 5th

2.00pm Children's Pantomime rehearsal

Lent 2023 Advanced Notice

Bible Study times and venues TBC

Evensong Bury Parish Church except 12th March at St Stephen's (times change when clocks go forward TBC on weekly sheet)

Ash Wednesday 22 Feb 7pm with Kirklees Valley at St Stephen's

Holy Week 3-8 April

Mon & Tue 6pm Compline

Wed Seder Meal 7pm

Maundy Thursday 6 April 7pm (followed by 1 hour

Vigil) with Kirklees Valley at St Stephen's

Good Friday

Walk of Witness Bury Town Centre starting at Bury URC am time TBC

Meditation with Kirklees Valley at All Saints pm time TBC

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 6pm Bury Parish Church (for Bury Mission Community)

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 the half term holidays, on **23rd, 24th and 25th of February**. Tickets will be on sale in the Centenary Room after the 10.00am service and at school from 2.00pm to 4.00pm; prices are adults £6.00, children £4.00.

If you are able to help us with washing and ironing the costumes please will you let Katie or Tony know?

The news sheet can be found on our website
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News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com