



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 22nd January 2023

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion
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Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Daisyfield Court, Horbury Drive, Osborne Close and Seddons Avenue.

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 Elizabeth Pittam and all her family and friends; 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 sister at the United Benefice of Walmersley Road, especially their Wardens as the continue in interregnum.

This Week's Readings

1st	Isaiah 9: 1 - 4	OT page	647
2nd	1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18	NT page	162
Gospel	Matthew 4: 12 - 23	NT page	3
Psalm	27: 4 - 12	OT page	514

Flower Donations

Christmas Poinsettias

If you have taken home your poinsettia please will you return the red pot so it can be used again next year, thank you?

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 on Sunday 29th January. Details and drawings will be available at the back of church and members of the committee will be on hand to answer your questions. We wish to thank you all for your support especially the money you have donated towards the project. To date we have raised £7,321.94 since we started our appeal in September, This includes £432.39 from HMRC for donations which were submitted with Gift Aid. Donations continue to arrive and we will keep you regularly informed of the progress.

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 and/or come to a meeting after Church on 12th Feb. Please help if you can.

How to Contact Us

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What's on

Wednesday 25th

10.00 - 1.00 Warm Wednesday

Thursday 26th

7.00pm Pantomime rehearsal in school

Sunday 29th

2.00pm 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.

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.

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 have assisted Marjorie in the past please let us know so we don't miss anything. All help will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance.

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News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
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