



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 26th February 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Holy Communion
 4.30 Evensong Bury Parish Church

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Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Belmont Drive, Hinds Lane, Kingsley Street and Standring 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, Phylis Le Fevre, Steven De Rouwe, Matt Ablett and Alan Sheppard.

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Kirklees Valley, especially the wardens and priests who support them as they continue in their time of interregnum.

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 2: 15 - 17; 3: 1 - 7	OT page	2
2nd	Romans 5: 12 - 19	NT page	151
Gospel	Matthew 4: 1 - 11	NT page	3
Psalm	32	OT page	518

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Hazel Lomas in loving memory of husband, Harry for
 26th February.

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.



What's on

Monday 27th

7.00pm Lent Bible study in the Centenary Room

Wednesday 1st March

1.30pm Midweekers - Card games

7.00pm Mothers' Union meal out

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. Thank you.

Children's Society Boxes

These are due to be opened so the money can be passed on. Please can you bring your box to church over the next two weeks and hand them to Jenny Downham? If you have a problem getting the box to church please contact me on 07800845999 and I will collect it from you, Jenny Downham.

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REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on the 5th day of March 2023, and ending on the 26th day of March 2023. After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council on the Church Noticeboard for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council. Application forms can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer, Roger Downham or a Warden.

How to Contact Us

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Bible Study Lent 2023 - Dust and Glory

This Lent we are all invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life.

"Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them." Archbishops of Canterbury and York

The booklet 'Dust and Glory' is in hard copy (I have 20) or online in various forms or through the App. I would encourage us all to follow this series of 40 reflections, as individuals, as part of our Lenten discipline and to meditate on each day's reflection.

Study Groups: St Stephen's, All Saints & St James

In addition, if you want to explore your thoughts and feelings more then on Monday evenings 7pm we will meet in the Centenary Room. To facilitate this each person will need to keep a simple diary of thoughts/actions for each day and also during the week. Each Session will last approximately an hour with some fellowship time afterwards with tea and bickies (other refreshments will be available. It will consist of :-

- Introduction led by the facilitator (15min)
- Open discussion about the Daily Reflections of the previous week. (30min)
- Prayer – this may be quiet, Compline, Celtic etc. (15min)

The topics will be :-

27/2 Dust and Glory

6/3 What is failure?

13/3 Understanding Sin.

20/3 Sinning as Well as We Can?

27/3 Failure and the Church

3/4 Living Well with Failure (Following Holy Week Compline)

A night with the Dodgers

Friday 17th March 7.30pm in the Centenary Room. Tickets are £5 and are available from Barbara Ingham. Bring your own nibbles.

100 club February winners

£25 Len Allinson (71); £10 Julia Pittam (55); £ 5 Joan Baxter (81) £ 5. Wendy Smillie (76)

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