



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
 Sunday 19th February 2023

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion
Wednesday 22nd February	
7.30	Ash Wednesday
<u>Next Week</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion

**Collect for the Sunday Next before Lent**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Buller Mews, Foulds Avenue, Orpington Drive and Wellington Square.

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, Janis Howarth, 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 Seedfield Methodist Church, especially their priest, Rev. David Somerville.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	Exodus 24: 12 - end	OT page	72
2nd	2 Peter 1: 16 - end	NT page	234
Gospel	Matthew 17: 1 - 9	NT page	17
Psalm	9	OT page	503

**Flower Donations**

**Book of Remembrance**

Sandra Leaver in memory of a dear mother, Isabelle Humphrey, for 15th 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

Thursday 23rd  
7.15pm Pantomime - the Queen of Hearts  
Friday 24th  
7.15pm Pantomime - the Queen of Hearts  
Saturday 25th  
7.15pm Pantomime - the Queen of Hearts

### 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](mailto: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.

### St Stephen Elton Bury

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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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Gail Champion

### 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)

### Pantomime 2023

Our performances of The Queen of Hearts will be 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.

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up and volunteered their services. It is very much appreciated. We are seeking donations of raffle prizes; people who will help with refreshments on each night. If you can help with any of these please speak to Katie, Paul or Tony.

The news sheet can be found on our website

@ [www.ststephenelton.com](http://www.ststephenelton.com)

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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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