



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 16th April
 2023

This Week
Today
 8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Holy Communion
Next Sunday
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Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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 God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This Week's Readings

1st	Exodus 14: 10-end; 15: 20-21	OT page	62
2nd	Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32	NT page	115
Gospel	John 20: 19 - end	NT page	112
Psalm	16	OT page	507

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Bank Hall Close, Lyons Drive, Stapleford Grove and Withnell Drive.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick, especially today for Joseph Attwell, Kath Wells, Ian Francis, Rev. Derek French, Phylis Le Fevre, Steven De Rouwe, Matt Ablett, Alan Sheppard and Roger Broadrick.

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 Tottington Methodist Church, especially their Deacon, Michelle Brocklehurst.

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.



APCM 2023

This year's APCM will be on **Wednesday 19th April**, at 7.30pm in the Centenary Room. The annual report is available at the back of church.

Nominations are sought for the following vacancies. The forms are in the porch. Please note that all nominees and supporters must be on the Electoral Roll of this parish. Wardens must be aged 21 or over; Deanery Synod and PCC members must be aged 16 or over.

Churchwarden - 2 posts

Deanery Synod - 3 post for a period of 3 years

PCC - 5 posts - 3 for 3 years; 1 for 2 years; 1 for 1 year.



Club April winners

£25 Joan Baxter (69); £10 Sandra Beard (73); £5 Joan Baxter (81); £5 Brian Rigg (34)

Afternoon Tea at St James

On the first Thursday of each month you are invited to join St James for afternoon tea from 2.00 to 4.00pm. The cost is £5 which includes bingo and a raffle. The next one is on **Thursday 11th May** to avoid the local elections on 4th.

The Church service on Sunday 7th May will be at 11am and will be followed by a free Coronation Lunch in the Centenary Room. Donations on the day if you wish to do so. Please invite your neighbours and friends to join us. Add all names to the list on the notice board in the Centenary Room for catering purposes. Numbers will be limited to the rooms capacity so put your name and any guests names on the list ASAP. **Closing date 30th April.**

How to Contact Us

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What's on

Monday 17th April

2.00pm Angel Festival craft workshop

Wednesday 19th April

1.30pm Midweekers - Lunch Outing

7.30pm APCM - Centenary Room

Thursday 20th April

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 21st April

6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

Thanks to all who supported the Easter Egg Bingo Night. A good time was had by all and £175 was raised for church funds.

Warden Team

A Big THANK YOU to all who stayed behind recently to share their wisdom and thoughts about Church Wardens and the future. I suggested the following team.

2 Wardens - Supported by 2 Deputies & 4 Assistants. The Term of Office would be for 1 Year reviewed annually.

After some very positive discussion the following was agreed. A Warden would commit to be on Sunday duty each week (Deputies and Assistants would stand in on the odd occasion when were not available). Duty Wardens would therefore no longer be needed.

The Team would meet at least bimonthly to ensure tasks are carried out timely and efficiently.

I am pleased to say that 9 people volunteered exceeding expectations and ensuring that the effective running of St Stephen's is maintained. Thanks to you all.

The Wardens election and Deputy & Assistant roles will be approved at the APCM. A big thank you to Gail and Jenny as Wardens and Janis and Ronnie as Deputies for all their hard work, often unseen, last year, completing their terms of office and supporting me and the running of St Stephen's through what was another challenging year. And also, to all those who assisted as Duty Wardens. God Bless. Paul

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