



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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14	OT page	820
2nd	Romans 8: 6 - 11	NT page	153
Gospel	John 11: 1 - 45	NT page	101
Psalm	130	OT page	585

Flower Donations

Book of remembrance

Joan Baxter in memory of Harold for 26th March.

Easter Lily's

If you would like to have a lily in church at Easter in memory of a loved one please give £3 and the person's name to a member of the flower team.

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.

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This Week

Today

- 8.30 Holy Communion
10.00 Holy Communion
6.30 Evensong Bury Parish Church

Next Week

- 8.30 Holy Communion
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Collect for 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Chistlehurst Close, Chorley Close, Preesall Close and Wadebridge Drive.

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. We especially pray for our dear sister, Lynda Rigg, her husband Brian, children Jonathan, Rachel and Rebecca, grandchildren and wider family and friends.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at St. Peter's, especially their priest, Rev. Simon Watkinson.

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 March

7.00pm Lent Bible study in the Centenary Room

Wednesday 29th March

1.30pm Midweekers - Easter Bingo

7.00pm Games Evening

Thursday 30th March

7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 31st March

6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

APCM 2023

This year's APCM will be on **Wednesday 19th April**, time and venue to be confirmed.

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 12th day of March 2023, and ending on the **26th day of March 2023**. Application forms can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer, Roger Downham or a Warden. Only those names on the roll can vote in parish elections or serve as officers.

Bible Study Lent 2023 – Failure, Dust and Glory

This Lent we are all invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life. The sessions are based on the book 'Failure' by Bishop Emma Ineson and the 'Dust & Glory daily reflections'. They encourage 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. We will be joined by All Saints & St James. 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)
- Discussion and time for thoughts about the Daily Reflections of the previous week. (30min)
- Prayer – this may be quiet, Compline, Celtic etc. (15min)

The topics will be :-

27/3 Failure and the Church

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

Easter Egg Bingo

Friday 31st March 7pm, £4 Adults £2 Children. All welcome bring your friends for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bring your own nibbles. The M.U. team

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Meeting on the 5th April will be part of the Seder Passover Meal in the Centenary Room at 7.30pm. There is a list in the Centenary Room please add your name so numbers can be catered for. Thank you. Anne and Carol

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. On 6th April there will also be a short music quiz and some terrible jokes from Malcolm Howarth!



WEDNESDAY 5th April 7.30pm InThe Centenary Room

(Cost – Suggested Donation £5+)

The Seder is the Passover meal (The Last Supper). It is a feast that includes reading, drinking wine (soft drinks are available), telling stories, eating special foods (unleavened bread, bitter herbs, lamb dishes etc), singing, and other Passover traditions. To add our own Lancashire traditions the Lamb meal will be Lancashire Hot Pot (Vegetarian and other dietary requirements please indicate) **Last Date to sign up 26th March**

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Gail Champion

Warden Team

This time last year we were struggling to fill church officer positions. In the end we did fill them and tried to spread the Warden's role wider. This has been successful in part but needs a bit more imagination and sharing to work more effectively. we now need 3 people to recreate the Warden Team, supported by Duty Wardens, so that that the role can be shared out and a supportive team created. We need this because it is not a role Gail can carry on her own and we have a wealth of experience as many of you have been Wardens in the past. Please pray and listen for God's call to you.

The news sheet can be found on our website
@ www.ststephenelton.com

News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com