



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 9th April 2023

**Alleluia, Christ is
 risen.
 He is risen
 indeed. Alleluia!**

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6	OT page	745
2nd	Acts 10: 34 - 43	NT page	126
Gospel	Matthew 28: 1 - 10	NT page	32
Psalm	118: 14 - 24	OT page	577

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Bournville Drive, Fairy Street, Hurst Green Close and Rivington 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 St. Thomas's, especially their priest Rev. Harvey Nicol.

Please join us in the Centenary Room after the 10.00am service for refreshments and fellowship.



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.

What's on

Wednesday 12th April
1.30pm Midweekers - Mexican Train
7.30pm Games Evening

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.

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!

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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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.

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 last week 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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