



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 2nd April  
2023

**Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a	OT page	691
2nd	Philippians 2: 5 - 11	NT page	194
Gospel	Matthew 26: 14 - 27: End	NT page	28
Psalm	31: 9 - 16	OT page	524

**This Week**

Today

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

Monday 3rd

- 7.00pm Compline and Study Group

Tuesday 4th

- 7.00pm Compline

Wednesday 5th

- 7.30pm Seder Meal

Thursday 6th

- 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Service with Rev. Sam Eccleston  
Followed by stripping the church
- 8.30pm Watch One Hour

Good Friday 7th

- 12.00pm Walk of Witness from Bury URC
- 2.30pm Meditation at All Saints

Holy Saturday 8th

- 6.30pm Easter Vigil at Bury Parish Church

Easter Sunday

- 8.30 Holy Communion
- 10.00 Holy Communion with the flowering of the Cross

The news sheet can be found on our website  
@ [www.ststephenelton.com](http://www.ststephenelton.com)

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Anderson Close, Haig Road, Mizpah Groe and Peers Street.

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. We especially pray for Shohre Naghashzadeh, for her brother Kamran and all her family and friends

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for ourselves and all who minister to us, most especially our priest Rev. Paul Sanderson.

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



### What's on

See the panel on the front for this week's services.

Wednesday 5th April

1.30pm Midweekers - Home Entertainment  
& planning.

### APCM 2023

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

Nominations are sought for the following vacancies. The forms are at the back of church. 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.

### 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.

### 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!

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### How to Contact Us

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### Flower Donations

#### Book of remembrance

Arthur Lamb in memory of Betty for 30th March  
Jane & Tony Parsons in memory of David Whiteley

#### Easter Lilies

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.

### 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

### 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.