



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 29th October
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Family Service
 12.00 Baptism
 2.30 All Souls - St James

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Holy Communion

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12	OT page	199
2nd	Acts 6: 8 - 7: 2a, 51-60	NT page	120
Gospel	Matthew 23: 34 - 39	NT page	25
Psalm	90: 1 - 6, 13 - 17	OT page	559

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Belmont Drive, Hinds Lane, Kingsley Street and Standring Avenue

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick, especially today for Ian Francis, Rev. Derek French, Phylis Le Fevre, Roger Broadrick, Elma Hoyle, Audrey Leech and Gloria Beecraft.

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 Bury Christian Fellowship, especially their Pastor Rod Fairbrother.

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Jean Fitton in memory of Michael for 31st October.

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

Monday 30th October

2.00pm Angel Workshop - Centenary Room

Wednesday 1st November

1.00pm Midweekers

7.00pm Mothers' Union

Thursday 2nd

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 3rd

6.00 Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

All Souls Service

If you would like to remember a loved one we're having a joint All Souls Service at St James's Church, Walshaw Rd, Woolfold BL8 1PY **2.30pm TODAY**

The service, as usual, will contain Hymns, Readings and Poems and there will be an opportunity to light candles as we remember someone we have loved but see no longer. The names of all those who have had services conducted by us in the past two years will be read out. Please add other names to the list in the Porch.

Assistant Priest Kirklees Valley

To formalise what we have been doing over the past 18 months or so I have been appointed Assistant Priest to Kirklees Valley. The licensing will be on 3rd Dec at All Saints 10am by the Bishop of Bolton. Rev Sam Ecclestone will swap his usual first Sunday slot with me and cover the services at St Stephen's.

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew - *Glory to you O Lord.*

Matthew 23: 34 - 39

34 Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, **35** that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. **36** Truly, I say to you, all this will come upon this generation **37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! **38** Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate **39** For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

This is the gospel of the Lord - *Praise to you O Christ.*

Psalms 90: 1 - 6, 13 - 17

1 A Prayer of Moses, the man of God. LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. **2** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. **3** Thou turnest man back to the dust, and sayest, "Turn back, O children of men!" **4** For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. **5** Thou dost sweep men away; they are like a dream, like grass which is renewed in the morning: **6** in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. **13** Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on thy servants! **14** Satisfy us in the morning with thy steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. **15** Make us glad as many days as thou hast afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. **16** Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their children. **17** Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

This is the word of the Lord - *Thanks be to God*

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Annual Quiz

This will take place on Friday 24th November. The quiz will start promptly at 7:30pm so please arrive before 7:15 to pick your table. Tickets are £6 and include pie and peas supper, and will be on sale from Sunday 29th October.

News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
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