



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 5th November
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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10.30 Remembrance Service

6.00 Evensong

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

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In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Bexley Drive, Greenway Close, Proctor Street and Turton Close.

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 St Mary the Virgin, especially their priest Rev. Julian Heaton.

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.



What's on

Monday 6th October
2.00pm Angel Workshop - Centenary Room

Wednesday 8th November
1.00pm Midweekers - Pointless
7.00pm Games Night

Thursday 9th
7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 10th
6.00 Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

Angel Festival

The festival is fast approaching so we need to get organised. It will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th, 9th and 10th December. We need volunteers to help with the running of the event. If you can spare an hour or two at any time during the event please tell Barbara Ingham so she can get rotas organised.

Christmas Hampers

Ann Sullivan is looking for small items for the hampers. Please speak to her about what you can donate.

Tombola Stall

Tombola prizes need for the Angel Festival. Please put your donations in the porch room. For further details please speak to June Berry.

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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News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew - *Glory to you O Lord.*

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: **3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **4** "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. **5** "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. **6** "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. **7** "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. **8** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. **9** "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **10** "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. **11** "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

1 John 3: 1 - 3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. **3** And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Lancashire Hotchpotch

Thank you to everyone who supported the evening. A big thank you to Diane and her amazing team of musicians and crew for putting on a brilliant show. Thank you to Carol for her monologues and to our surprise mystery guest! And thank you to the Refurbishment Committee for their hard work also. Through ticket sales, the raffle, donations and expected gift aid the event will have raised very nearly £1100.

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.