



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

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion
 at All Saints

10.00 Morning Prayer

Next Sunday

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Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
 that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of
 good works, may by you be plenteously
 rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ
 ascended to the throne of heaven that he
 might rule over all things as Lord and King:
 keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and
 in the bond of peace, and bring the whole
 created order to worship at his feet; 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	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24	OT page	817
2nd	Ephesians 1: 15 - end	NT page	189
Gospel	Matthew 25: 31 - end	NT page	27
Psalm	95: 1 - 7	OT page	561

Flower Donations

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to place a poinsettia in church over
 Christmas to remember a loved one please give their
 name and £5 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.

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 Ian Francis, Rev. Derek
 French, Phylis Le Fevre, Roger Broadrick, Elma Hoyle,
 and Audrey Leech.

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a
 loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at
 this time. We pray especially for our friend and sister
 Gloria Beecraft whose funeral is this Wednesday at
 10.00am.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our
 brothers and sisters at the Christ Church Walshaw,
 especially the wardens in this time of interregnum.

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 November

Angel Festival set up - 10.00 - 12.00, 2.00 - 4.00

Wednesday 29th

1.30pm Midweekers - Games

7.30pm Games Night in the Centenary Room

Thursday 30th

7.00pm Drama Group in church

Friday 1st December

2.00 St Stephen's School Carol Service

Opening the Angel Festival

7.30 Angel Festival Carol Concert

Saturday

11.00 - 4.00 Angel Festival

Sunday

12.00 - 4.00 Angel Festival

Carol Concert & Festive Fun

Friday Dec 1st 7.30pm, Carols Old and New Christmas Songs and Spoken Word. Mince Pies and Refreshments. Admission £5 (children free), tickets are on sale from Gill in the Centenary Room after the 10.00am service.

Mince Pies Needed

We need a mountain of Mince Pies for Christmas Events starting with the Angel Festival and Carol Concert and other events leading up to Christmas. Any we don't use we will donate to 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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News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.

Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com

Angel Festival

A wonderful group of talented ladies have been incredibly busy for the last few months, creating angels large and small. Can you support them in any way? Here's how you can help: If you have not signed up as a volunteer yet and have some spare time over either weekend, please sign up on the list in the Centenary room **TODAY**.

If you have made angels at home the preferred time to bring them to church will be Monday 27th between 10am and 12pm and 2pm and 4pm, unless previously arranged with Barbara.

Maureen and Jenny will be grateful for donations of cakes. They would prefer loaf tin or tray bakes that they can slice.

June and Celia still need donations for the tombola, craft and small toiletries. You can still bring these items next week as the Christmas market will be on both Saturdays.

Finally, please promote the festival and tell as many people as you can, send it out on social media e.g. Facebook. The church will be very full with school children celebrating their Advent Service on Friday 1st December between 2-3pm, so viewing the displays will not be possible at this time. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Christmas Carol concert in church on Friday evening. Our wonderful organist, Tom Jones, will be performing an organ recital on both Saturday afternoons.

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the organisation of this event, let's pray for it's success.

Christmas Hampers

Ann Sullivan is looking for small items for the hampers. Please speak to her about what you can donate. Envelopes to enter the draw are at the back of church. £5 per envelope. You can enter as many times as you like.

