



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 12th
 November 2023

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.30	Remembrance Service
6.00	Evensong
Next Sunday	
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Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This Week's Readings

1st	Micah 4: 1 - 5	NT page	879
2nd	1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18	NT page	202
Gospel	John 15: 9 -17	NT page	106
Psalm	82	OT page	553

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Arthur Street, Dalton Street, Hilbert Street and Sutton 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 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 and all who were close to her.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Bury URC, especially Rev. Daniel Harris and the Elders.

Flower Donations

Altar

Maureen Cooper in memory of her dad Leonard Ellis.

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 13th October

2.00pm Angel Workshop - Centenary Room

Wednesday 15th November

1.30pm Midweekers - Bingo

7.30pm PCC at Carol Heyes'

Thursday 16th

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 17th

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. Envelopes to enter the draw are at the back of church. £5 per envelope. You can enter as many times as you like.

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.

Craft Stall

Celia is collecting donations of toiletries and Christmas decorations. Please see her for details.

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.

How to Contact Us

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

John 15: 9 - 17

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 This I command you, to love one another.

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

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. **Tickets will be on sale after the service today, 12th November.** After today tickets can be reserved by contacting Debbie on 07710118001 or via email at djfitton@gmail.com. The deadline for reserving tickets is Friday 17th November.

THANK YOU so much Bethany for your amazing idea to organise a cake sale last Sunday. You raised **£14.10** and this money has gone to help towards the cost of improving our Centenary Room. Well done!

Would a member of Mothers' Union be willing to attend a Deanery Meeting on **Wednesday 15th November 2pm at Emmanuel**, Canon Lewis Hall. Please see Anne or Carol for full details. Thank you.

The Centenary Room is unavailable in the evening on the 15th November, therefore the **PCC meeting** will be at Carol's home. For address details, see Carol. Prayers from 7.00pm, the meeting starts at 7.30pm.

The news sheet can be found on our website @ www.ststephenelton.com

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