



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 19th November
2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

8.15 Holy Communion
at All Saints

10.00 Morning Prayer

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Collect for the Second Sunday before
Advent**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	1 Samuel 3: 1 - 21	NT page	254
Gospel	Matthew 22: 34 - 40	NT page	4
Psalm	90: 1 - 8	OT page	559

Flower Donations

Altar

Jane Wilkinson in memory of her mum and dad,
Margaret and Les Proctor, for their wedding anniversary
on 18th November.

Lectern

Margaret Pemberton in memory of Lilian Bentley

Book of Remembrance

Celia Dutton in memory of her mum Elsie Jenkins.

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 Chantlers Avenue, Elton Vale Road, Heys Street and Wellington Gardens.

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 the United Benefice of Walmersley Road, 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 20th October

2.00pm Angel Workshop - Centenary Room

Wednesday 22nd November

1.30pm Midweekers - NO MEETING

Thursday 23rd

7.00pm Drama Group in church

Friday 24th

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.

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

Matthew 22: 34 - 40

34 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sad'ducees, they came together. **35** And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him.

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **37** And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. **38** This is the great and first commandment. **39** And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself. **40** On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." **This is the gospel of the Lord - Praise to you O Christ.**

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.

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 can be reserved by contacting Debbie on 07710118001 or via email at djfitton@gmail.com.

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.

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