



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 28th January
 2024

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Holy Communion

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Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Malachi 3: 1 - 5	OT page	904
2nd	Hebrews 2: 14 - end	NT page	216
Gospel	Luke 2: 22 - 40	NT page	56
Psalms	24: 7 - end	OT page	513

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Colville Drive, Hambleton Close, Harwood Drive and Leigh Lane.

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 and Elma Hoyle.

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 Peter Bury, especially their priest Rev Simon Watkinson.

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

Wednesday 31st

1.30pm Midweekers - Play your cards right
7.00pm Games Night in the Centenary room

Thursday 1st

7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 2nd

Junior Drama Group in the
Centenary Room

Sunday 4th

Pantomime Rehearsal in school

Advanced Notice

Monday 5th February

2.00pm Craft Group in the Centenary Room

Saturday 10th February

9.30am - Church cleaning

APCM - Wednesday 17th April at 7.00pm

The annual report is now been collated. Anyone who wishes to submit an item should email it to tony.parsons67@gmail.com by no later than **Sunday 25th February**.

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll will be announced soon. However, you can ask to join it at any time. So if you are not on our Electoral Roll and would like to do so to be able to contribute to the business of our church please ask the Wardens for a form and they will be happy to help.

Craft Group

The craft ladies have set up a WhatsApp group for anyone wishing to keep up to date with their activities and meetings. Please let Jane or Debbie know if you wish to be added to the group. The next meeting will be Monday 5th February at 2pm in the Centenary Room.

CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are over 11 and want to be able to receive communion we are aiming to run a confirmation class 4pm Tuesdays starting in February. If 4pm is too early we can think about timings. Please see Paul if you or someone you know might be interested.

Pantomime 2024 Sleeping Beauty

The performances will be on Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February in school. Tickets will be on sale after the 10.00am service each Sunday and in school from 2.00 till 4.00, adults £7 and children £3. We will once again be seeking your support in ensuring that the event goes smoothly. Please look out for the requests and consider how you could contribute, thank you.

An Introduction to

Christian Meditation

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SIX WEEK COURSE
EVERY TUESDAY DURING LENT
COMMENCING 20TH FEBRUARY 2024**

2:00pm to Approx 3:15pm

In the Centenary Room

"Be still and know that I am God".

Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Even in our modern busy lives this is possible. We invite you to come along and try this form of prayer which is simple and peaceful. The introductory course provides an opportunity to experience the practice of Christian Meditation, to learn about its origins, and to discover its relevance as a form of contemplative prayer.

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