



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**

Sunday 14th January
2024

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Service

Next Sunday

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10.00 Holy Communion

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.

This Week's Readings

1st	1 Samuel 3 : 1 - 10	OT page	254
2nd	Revelation 5: 1 - 10	NT page	245
Gospel	John 1: 43 - end	NT page	89
Psalm	139: 1 - 5, 12 - 18	OT page	589

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.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Kensington Drive, Melrose Avenue, Victoria Street and Barton 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 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. Marie's RC, especially their priest Father William Foley.

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 17th

1.30pm Midweekers - Mexican Train
7.30pm PCC

Thursday 18th

7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 19th Junior Drama Group in the
Centenary Room

Sunday 21st Pantomime Rehearsal in school

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 26.1.24 at 2pm in the Centenary Room.

Please remember to collect your stamps for Bury Hospice. Bring them to church and put them in the box at the back or give them to Janis & Ronnie.

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.

**For more information contact: David or Christine
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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John - *Glory to you O Lord.*

John 1: 43 - end

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." **44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." **46** Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." **47** When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" **48** Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." **49** Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" **50** Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." **51** And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Pantomime 2024

Sleeping Beauty

The performances will be on Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February in school. Full details and ticket information will be available soon. 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.

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