



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
 Sunday 21st January  
 2024

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
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**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever.

**Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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	Genesis 14: 17 - 20	OT page	11
2nd	Revelation 19: 6 - 10	NT page	255
Gospel	John 3: 16 - 21	NT page	90
Psalm	128	OT page	584

**Flower Donations**

**Book of Remembrance**

Lyn Self in memory of David.

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 Buxton Street, Craig Avenue, Fieldhead Avenue and Knight Street.

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 Jericho Methodist Church, especially their priest, Rev. Blayze White.

**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 22nd  
2.00pm Craft Group in the Centenary Room

Wednesday 24th  
1.30pm Midweekers - NO MEETING

Thursday 25th  
7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 26th  
Junior Drama Group in the Centenary Room

Sunday 27th  
Pantomime Rehearsal in school

### Advanced Notice

Saturday 10th February  
9.30am - Church cleaning

### Club

Winners for January are £25 Michael Perrin (3); £10 Lyn Self (11); £5 Dorothy Fentem (63); £5 Clive Burton (67)

### *An Introduction to*

### *Christian Meditation*

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SIX WEEK COURSE  
EVERY TUESDAY DURING LENT  
COMMENCING 20<sup>TH</sup> 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  
McKenna 07442 534860 –  
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### 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](mailto: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 22.1.24 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.

### How to Contact Us

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News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.  
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