



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 10th March
 2024

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Family Service
 Mothering Sunday
 6.00 Evensong

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion
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Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Exodus 2: 1 - 10	OT page	50
2nd	Colossians 3: 12 - 17	NT page	199
Gospel	John 19: 25b - 27	NT page	111
Psalm	34: 11 - 20	OT page	519

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Jean Fitton - birthday memories of Michael for 11th March.

Brian Rigg and family in memory of Lynda Rigg for 13th March.

If you would like an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one please give their name and £3 to a member of the Flower Team.

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 Abbey Drive, Daisy Street, Haig Court and Scholes Street.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick.

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a loved one, and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Bolton Road Methodist Church, especially their priest, Rev. Kathy Selby.

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 11th March

2.00pm Craft Group in the Centenary Room

Tuesday 12th

2.00pm Christian Meditation in the Porch

Wednesday 13th

1.30pm Midweekers - carpet bowls

7.00pm Games Night

Thursday 14th

7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 15th

6.00pm Junior Drama Group in Centenary Room

Saturday 16th

7.00pm Saint Patrick's Day music and dance

Easter Egg Bingo

Saturday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the Centenary Room. adults £4.00, children £2.00. See Anne Broadrick for details.

Lent Charity - Water Aid

There is a box at the back of church if you wish to donate throughout Lent for our chosen charity WATER AID. If you can, please GIFT AID. You can alternatively donate at home in a personal jar and return your jar on Easter Sunday. Water Aid leaflets and gift aid envelopes will be provided throughout Lent.

Centenary Room Fundraiser

Saturday 16th March at 7.00pm

Come along and celebrate St Patrick's Day with Ireland's Pride and Walkabout. Tickets are £5 and available from Michael Perrin, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Donations towards this project are ongoing. Please help to maximise the amount by completing Gift Aid. This will add 25% to the amount you give. Envelopes are available or see the Wardens, Carol and Wendy.

Giving Envelopes

The new envelopes for donations from 7th April are now available at the back of church. If you want to know more about these or giving regularly to the work of St. Stephen's please speak to either one of the Warden, or Arnold Taylor or Tony Parsons.

APCM - Wednesday 17th April at 7.00pm

From Sunday, 10th March, forms will be displayed for the nominations of Churchwardens, PCC members and Sidespersons. Elections and appointments will take place at the APCM. Please be prayerful as to whether you can serve in any of these roles. Forms will be available in the church porch. Speak to the Wardens Carol and Wendy for further information.

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An introduction to Christian Meditation is a weekly course on Tuesdays, running for six weeks, in the Porch Room from 2.00 to 3.15pm. Contact David or Christine McKenna for details. 07442 534860 or cdm.bury@gmail.com

Bury Parish Church

The Writer Who Inspires Me

Sunday 4.30pm Evensong Sermon

People of the Passion

Study Group Wednesday 7pm

Stations of the Cross

Saturdays 12noon

A Walk on the Wild Side with Jeff Lucas

Tuesdays 1.30-3pm Feb 20, 27, March 5, 12 **St John, Bircle**

Thursdays 7.30-9pm

Feb 22, 29. March 7, 14 **St Thomas**

St John with St Mark Hall

The I AM Sayings of Jesus

Tuesday 19th March 7.30pm

The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 is **Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life.**

APCM 2024

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on the 25th day of February, and ending on the 25th day of March 2024. Application forms can be obtained from the Electoral Roll Officer, Christine McKenna or a Warden. Only those names on the roll can vote in parish elections or serve as officers.

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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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