



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

Sunday 24th March  
2024



**Clocks Spring  
forward 1 Hour next  
Sunday**

**This Week**

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Festival Eucharist  
with Flowering of the  
Cross.

**See overleaf for full details of  
services in Holy Week.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a	OT page	691
2nd	Philippians 2: 5 - 11	NT page	194
Gospel	Mark 14: 1 - 15, end	NT page	49
Psalms	31: 9 - 16	OT page	524

**Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

**Reader's Stall**

Joan Baxter in memory of Harold.

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 Birkdale Drive, Elton Brook Close, Harvey Street and Railway Terrace.

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 Bury Baptist Church, especially Paul Greenlees.

**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 25th March  
2.00pm Craft Group in the Centenary Room

Tuesday 26th  
2.00pm Christian Meditation in the Porch

### 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. Please give your donations to the wardens no later than next Sunday, 31st March.

### 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.

A box of jewellery has been found in church. If it belongs to you please speak to the wardens. If it is unclaimed after Easter it will become a raffle prize.

### 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, **TODAY**. 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.

### 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. We are looking for a new warden to support Carol Heyes; there are four vacancies for the PCC, three for three years and one for one year; there is a vacancy for the Deanery Synod for two years. Speak to the Wardens Carol and Wendy for further information.

### Holy Week & Easter Services

**Mon 25th March** 6.00pm Compline  
**Tue 26th March** 6.00pm Compline  
**Wed 27th March** 6.00pm Stations of the Cross

### 28th March – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Eucharist Service followed by stripping of the Altar  
8.00pm Watch 1hr

### Good Friday (at All Saints)

10.30am Easter Messy Church  
2.00pm Meditation at the Cross

### Holy Saturday - At Bury Parish Church

6.30pm Easter Vigil

### Easter Day

8.30am Holy Communion  
10.00am Festival Eucharist  
(with Flowering of the Cross)



### How to Contact Us

#### Vicar

Rev. Paul Sanderson

#### Wardens

Carol Heyes Wendy Smillie

#### Contact details

Tel: 07354902873

Email: [ststephenelton@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenelton@gmail.com)

#### Reader Emeritus

Celia Dutton

Tel: 0161 764 0583

The news sheet can be found on our website

@ [www.ststephenelton.com](http://www.ststephenelton.com)

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

Email [tony.parsons67@gmail.com](mailto:tony.parsons67@gmail.com)