



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 14th April
2024

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev. Bob May
10.00	Holy Communion Rev. Ian McVeetie
6.00	Evensong
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev. Sam Ecclestone
10.00	Holy Communion Rev. Sam Ecclestone

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns. now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Acts 3: 12 - 19	NT page	117
2nd	1 John 3: 1 - 7	NT page	236
Gospel	Luke 24: 36b - 48	NT page	87
Psalms	4	OT page	501

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Adlington Close, Dearden Street, Grange Road and Kingston Close.

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 URC, especially Rev. Daniel Harris and their Elders.

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

Monday 15th April
2.00pm Craft Group in the Centenary Room

Wednesday 17th
1.30pm Midweekers - Mexican Train
7.00pm APCM

Thursday 18th
7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 19th
6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

Saturday 20th
10.00am Spring Fair

Spring Fayre

In the Centenary Room on **Saturday 20th April from 10.00am - 2.00pm**. There will be various stalls including handmade crafts and gifts made by our craft group, books & jigsaws, tombola & raffle. The cafe will be open serving fresh sandwiches and cakes and refreshments.

Lent Charity - Water Aid

We raised a total of £142 towards this valuable work. Thank you to all who contributed.

Christian Meditation

There will be a daytime and evening groups each month to give as many as possible an opportunity to spend time in peaceful prayer. The daytime group will be at St. Stephen's on 1st Tuesday of each month from 2.00 to 3.15pm (approx.). The evening group will commence on Wednesday 10th & 24th April at 7.00 to 8.30pm (approx), for the address please contact David or Christine McKenna on 07442 534860 or cdm.bury@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who made my last day at St Stephen's a wonderful occasion. I've never had a send off like it. Also for your amazing generosity. I've already bought a pair of new boots with part of the gift card and there's still more to come. I wish you all the best for the future and a short interregnum. God bless you all. Your Friend Paul

APCM 2024

This year's APCM will be on **Wednesday 17th April**, at 7.30pm in the Centenary Room.

Nominations are sought for the following vacancies. The forms are in the porch. Please note that all nominees and supporters must be on the Electoral Roll of this parish. Wardens must be aged 21 or over; Deanery Synod and PCC members must be aged 16 or over. Forms are available in the porch.

Churchwarden - 1 post
Deanery Synod - 1 post for a period of 2 years
PCC - 5 posts - 3 for 3 years; 2 for 1 year.
Copies of the Annual Report are available in the porch.



APCM 2024

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given

that the revision of the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish has now closed. The new Roll is displayed in the porch. Any queries regarding the Roll should be made to 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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Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com