



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 15th February 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

Wednesday

7.00 Ash Wednesday
At All Saints

Next Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Sunday Next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

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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 ill whether in mind, body or spirit.

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 Kirklees Valley, especially their priest, Rev. Sam Eccleston.

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. There is a Junior Church for 5 year olds and upwards in the Centenary room during the 9.00am service, on most Sundays. There will be songs, readings and crafts for all ages. Speak to Leanne or Carol for more details.

Please join us in the Centenary Room after the 9.00am service for refreshments and fellowship.



Fire Notice - In the event of fire go through the marked fire exit doors and assemble on Stephen Close.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew - glory to you O Lord

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." **8** And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. **9** As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

This is the gospel of the Lord - praise to you O Christ

Exodus 24: 12 - end

12 The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." **13** So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. **14** To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." **15** Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. **16** The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. **17** Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. **18** Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

What's on

Today
2.00pm Panto Dress Rehearsal in school

Monday 16th
2.00pm Craft Group
7.00pm Study Group

Wednesday 18th
1.30pm Midweekers - Bingo
7.00pm Ash Wednesday at All Saints

Thursday 19th
7.15pm Pantomime in school

Friday 20th
7.15pm Pantomime in school

Saturday 21st
7.15pm Pantomime in school

Pantomime

Our pantomime, Snow White, will be performed this week on **Thursday 19th, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st February** at St Stephens School Colville Drive. Tickets are now available from Gill after the 9.00am service. Adults £7, children £3. See the posters for full details. If you are on FaceBook please would you like and share the post on the church page? Thank you.

As usual we will be holding a raffle each night during the interval. Any donations will be gratefully received. Please pass them to Tony or Jane. We also need some people to sell the raffle tickets and sort the prizes each night. If you can help please see Tony. We also need peoples to run our tuck shop each night.

APCM

Our annual meeting will be held on **Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm** in the Centenary Room. In preparation for this please will all officers and groups submit their reports to Tony Parsons by **Sunday 28th February**.

Coffee morning and bric-a-brac sale. **Saturday 28th February 10am to 12noon**. £3 entrance including coffee, tea biscuits and cake. Lots to see and lots to

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