Welcome to

St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury

Sunday 1st November 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church

6.00 All Souls at All Saints Brandlesholme

Next Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church

6.00 Choral Evensong

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

The Pastoral Team are available in the Lady Chapel after the service for prayer and support.

This Week's Readings

1st	Revelation 7: 9 - end	NT page	247
2nd	1 John 3: 1 - 3	NT page	237
Gospel	Matthew 5: 1 - 12	NT page	4
Psalm	34: 1 - 10	OT page	519

Flower Donations

Altar
Lilian Bentley in memory of her father and brother.

Book of Remembrance
Jean Fitton in memory of her husband Michael for 31st October.

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 Kensington Drive, Melrose Avenue, Victoria Street and Warton Close.

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 Bury Baptist Church, especially their priest Paul Greenlees.

Gluten free host (communion wafers) are available. If you require one please let the Sidespersons or warden know.

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 children 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.

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Porch boxes

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

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew - *Glory to you O Lord.*

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he
began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are
the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 "Blessed are the
merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the
pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 "Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness'
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are
you when people revile you and persecute you and utter
all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

This is the gospel of the Lord - *Praise to you O Christ.*

Revelation 7: 9 - end

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that
no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and
peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in
their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the
throne and around the elders and the four living creatures,
and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and
might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one
of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed
in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to
him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me,
"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the
throne of God, and worship him day and night within his
temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will
shelter them. 16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no
more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water
of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

All Souls

Anyone wishing to have their departed loved ones name read out at the All Souls service tonight at 6pm at All Saints please see Carol after this service.

What's on

Today	
2.00	Children's Panto Rehearsal in the Centenary Room
Monday 2nd	
1.30pm	Craft Group
7.00pm	Study Group
Wednesday 4th	
1.30pm	Midweekers - Beetle
7.00	Mother's Union
Thursday 5th	
7.00pm	Drama Group in school
Friday 6th	
6.00pm	Children's' Drama Group
Sunday 1st November	
2.00pm	Children's Panto Rehearsal

Favourite Hymns

Since September we have introduced a favourite hymn selection for the recessional hymn. A member of our congregation will choose a hymn and introduce it to the congregation after the notices. If you would like to choose your favourite hymn please let the vicar, Sam know.

The Christmas Fayre date is Saturday 5th December 11am to 3pm. Invite your friends and neighbours. This is one of our major fund raisers of the year. See the wardens if you wish to volunteer your help on the day.

Calling all Bakers to bake cakes to sell in the cafe at the Christmas Fayre.

Raffle prizes needed please throughout November for the various future events.

If people have unwanted Christmas Decorations etc that we could sell on the Christmas craft stall please let Christine know.

Mothers' Union meeting Wednesday 4th November 7pm. A speaker from Bury Hospice. OPEN MEETING everyone welcome.

Jane is running the Christmas Hamper draw again. If you can provide hamper baskets please bring them in for her.

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