



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

Sunday 23rd October 2022

Clocks go back next Sunday  
morning at 2.00am!

**This Week**

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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6.00 Songs of Praise

**Warm Wednesday**

You may be aware that churches and other organisations are responding to the cost of living crisis by providing warm spaces for people. As part of Bury's response we are looking to open up the Centenary Room from 10am - 4pm on a Wednesday. How this will take shape will depend on who gets involved. At its most basic it will be a warm room with refreshments and midweekers, most weeks, in the middle which will be optional for our new guests to join in. It might involve a soup lunch every now and then. To make decisions about how we move this forward, how quickly and for more information there will be a **meeting after church at 11.30am on Sunday 23rd Oct.** Please come along but if you can't please let me know if you could help on a rota basis with refreshments and staffing part of the day.. This is a great opportunity to show the love of God to our community and extend a hand of friendship.

**Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Albion Street, Ashford Close, Euxton Close and Newbold Street.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick, especially today for Lynne Mullane, Joseph Atwell, Kath Wells, Ian Francis, Rev. Derek French, Gloria Beecraft, and Phylis Le Fevre.

We pray today for all 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 St Marie's R C, especially their priest, Father William Foley.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	Joel 2: 3 - End	OT page	861
2nd	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	NT page	211
Gospel	Luke 18: 9 - 14	NT page	78
Psalm	65	OT page	539

**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.



**'Cash for Bury Christians Against Poverty through  
Newsquest's Cash for Charities 2022 Scheme**

If you or your family or friends take the Bury Times, Bolton Evening News, Oldham Times or Lancashire Evening Telegraph, please make use of the tokens inside to support a grant towards C.A.P. The printed tokens will be in the Bury Times on **27<sup>th</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November** (i.e. 4 tokens). Newsquest is giving out £16,000 to ten selected charities of which The Bury Project ( Bury CAP) is one. The percentage of tokens submitted for each charity will determine how much each charity will receive. These can be collected by Revd Gordon Joyce from Paul, and then forwarded to Newsquest.'

**700 Club**

The annual renewal letters have now been produced. Please look out for them in church. There are SIX spare numbers available. Please speak to Anne Broadrick if you are interested in joining or want an additional number. October winners are Brian Rigg £25 (34); Wendy Smillie £10 (76); Irene Yates £5 (92); Roger Downham £5 (17)

**Diocesan Annual Income Survey**

Each year the diocese asks us to complete an anonymous income survey. All that is required is for each regular attender aged 16 or over, those who come at least 12 times a year, to tick a box on the sheet that indicates their gross annual income. The sheets, pens and the sealed box are available at the back of church. If you would like to discuss this please speak to a warden. It is important that everyone completes a form even if they earn nothing, in fact, especially if they earn nothing. The more people that complete a form the more accurate is our data and consequently the more accurate is the amount of our Parish Share which is derived from this information. **The survey runs from today until Sunday 23rd October.**

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**What's on**

Today

2.00pm

Children's Panto rehearsal in school.

Wednesday 19th

1.00pm

Midweekers

7.00pm

Prayer meeting followed PCC.

Thursday 20th

7.00pm

Drama Group in school.

**Diary Dates**

**Farewell & Thank You Service for John Ratcliffe -  
Sunday 30th October 6pm**

At the end of October we say goodbye to our longstanding Organist and Choirmaster of over 25 years who is retiring from the position. To give him a good send off we will be having a special service of Songs of Praise. Please take a form and write on it no more than 3 favourite hymns. We will close the poll on the Sunday before and the 12 most voted for hymns will be sung at the service. Please indicate if you would be happy to say why you have chosen a hymn if it is sung. After the service there will be light refreshments. Please come and join in this service of gratitude for John's ministry among us.

**All Saints 30th October 10am - Meet The Saints**

Continuing with the series of special services on 5th Sundays this will be an all age communion service with some interesting twists to keep us all thinking and learning.

**All Souls Sunday 6th November 6pm**

As is our usual pattern we will be remembering and giving thanks for those who we love but see no longer. Please put the names of those who you wish to be remembered on the sheet in the porch. After the service there will be light refreshments served in the Centenary Room

The annual quiz will be on **Saturday 19th November**. Full details nearer the time.

**Christmas Hampers**

Please donate good items for our xmas hampers before the 20<sup>th</sup> November, the draw will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you Ann

A Mother's Union project. Can you donate any of the following? Paint brushes, drawing paper, paint, felt tips, crayons or stickers in readiness of the re-opening of the children's play area when they visit their parent at HM Prison Manchester. Donations to Anne Broadrick or Carol Heyes.