



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 9th October 2022

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Family Service
 Harvest Festival
 6.00 Evensong

Next Sunday

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Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Harold Baxter RIP

On the **16th October at 11.30am** we will lay to rest the mortal remains of our lay minister and friend Harold Baxter. We will also lay to rest with him his son Ian. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

This Week's Readings

1st	Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11	NT page	188
2nd	Philippians 4: 4 - 9	NT page	196
Gospel	John 6: 25 - 35	NT page	94
Psalm	100	OT page	564

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Clayton Close, Finchley Close, Harvey Street and Portingscale Close.

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 Christ Church Walshaw, especially praying for their Wardens as they seek a new priest.

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.

Harvest Donations

We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items and basic hygiene products that can be given to Porch Boxes. Please do not give fresh produce. They support adults, teens, children and babies so please consider what would be suitable for all ages.

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.



Building a Vision for the Future

Please pray and consider how you can play your part in this exciting new chapter of the story of St Stephen's Elton. Your attention is drawn to the notice board at the back of the Lady Chapel setting out information regarding the refurbishment of the Centenary Room. You should have received a pledge form previously, (spare ones are available at the back of the Lady Chapel) and you are asked to prayerfully consider the part you are prepared to play in this exciting project. Thank you.

Annual Gift Day

The PCC have chosen **Sunday 16th October** as the date for our annual Gift Day. This remains an important part of our financial calendar which contributes a considerable amount to enabling us to meet our commitments. In this time of financial pressures on all we ask that you prayerfully consider what you can contribute to this event. Thank you in advance for all that each of you do that ensures we can serve God here in Elton.

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.

How to Contact Us

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What's on

Today

2.00pm

Children's Panto rehearsal in school.

Wednesday 12th

1.00pm

Midweekers

7.00pm

Games Evening in the Centenary Room

Thursday 13th

7.00pm

Drama Group in school.

Saturday 15th

9.30am

Church Cleaning

Sunday 16th

2.00pm

Children's Panto rehearsal 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.

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

Club

The annual renewal letters have now been produced. Please look out for them in church. There are SEVEN spare numbers available. Please speak to Anne Broadrick if you are interested in joining or want an additional number.

The news sheet can be found on our website @
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