



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 23rd April 2023

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
8.30	Morning Prayer
10.00	Morning Prayer

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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	Zephaniah 3: 14 - End	OT page	891
2nd	Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41	NT page	115
Gospel	Luke 24: 13 - 35	NT page	86
Psalm	116: 1-3, 10-End	OT page	576

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Bispham Close, Freckleton Drive, Rose Grove and Winmarleigh Close.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick, especially today for Joseph Attwell, Kath Wells, Ian Francis, Rev. Derek French, Phylis Le Fevre, Steven De Rouwe, Matt Ablett, Alan Sheppard and Roger Broadrick.

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 Metro Centre, especially their Pastor Tristan Sherwin.

Flower Donations

Lady Chapel

Lilian Bentley in memory of her mother.

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

Wednesday 26th April
 1.30pm Midweekers - No meeting
 Thursday 27th April
 7.00pm Drama Group in School

Children's Society

Thank you to everybody who returned there boxes. You raised a total of £529.66. We have received a thank you note from them. Jenny Downham.

Coronation Weekend

The Church service on Sunday 7th May will be at 11am and will be followed by a Coronation Lunch in the Centenary Room. The list has now closed because we have reached our catering capacity. We are looking forward to a wonderful meal together. God Save the King.

Tea & Coffee Rota

Volunteers are needed to join the Sunday Tea Rota. Please see Barbara Ingham if you think you could help.

Afternoon Tea at St James

On the first Thursday of each month you are invited to join St James for afternoon tea from 2.00 to 4.00pm. The cost is £5 which includes bingo and a raffle. The next one is on **Thursday 11th May** to avoid the local elections on 4th.

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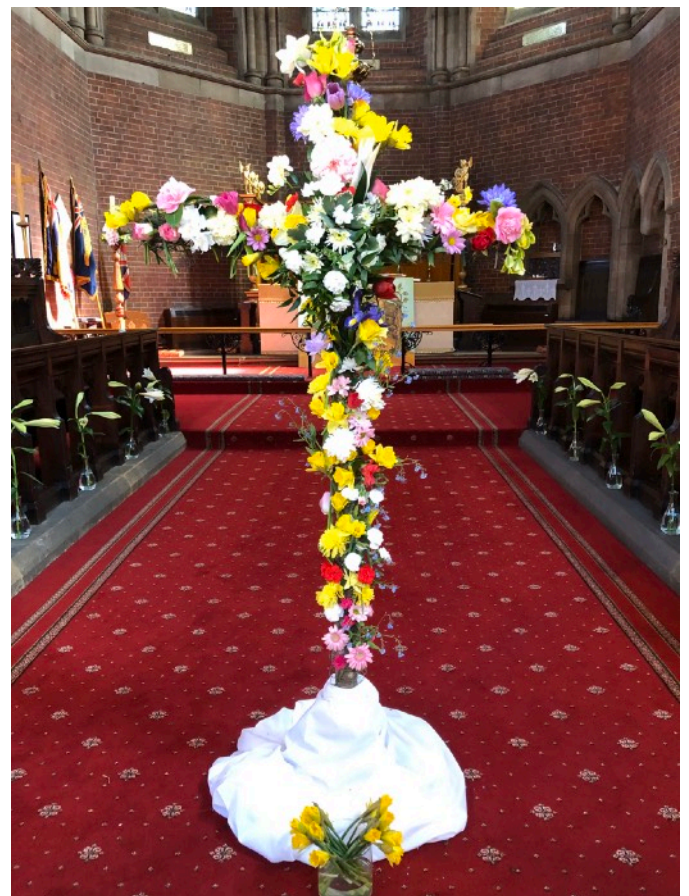
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