



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

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

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

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 7	OT page	6
2nd	Acts 2: 42 - End	NT page	116
Gospel	John 10: 1 - 10	NT page	100
Psalm	23	OT page	512

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Belbeck Street, Hamilton Close, Reigate Close and Windsor Drive.

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

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray especially for Kath Wells, her sister Celia and all her family and friends.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Blackford Bridge URC, especially their priest, Rev. Daniel Harris.

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.





Please be aware that Rev. Paul Sanderson is currently of work due to illness. Please direct any enquiries to the Wardens or ministry team. Please pray for his wellbeing and for an early return to health.

What's on

Wednesday 3rd May
 1.30pm Midweekers
 7.00pm Mothers' Union

Thursday 4th May
 7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 5th May
 6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

Children's Society

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

Tea & Coffee Rota

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

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.

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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