



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 21st May 2023

<b>This Week</b>	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Morning Prayer
10.00	Morning Prayer
<u>Next Sunday - PENTECOST</u>	
8.30	Morning Prayer
10.00	Morning Prayer
<b>12.00</b>	<b>Baptism</b>

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

**Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom; confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	Acts 1: 6 - 14	NT page	114
2nd	1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11	NT page	232
Gospel	John 17: 1 - 11	NT page	108
Psalm	68: 1-10, 32-End	OT page	539

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Buxton Street, Craig Avenue, Fielded Avenue and Knight Street.

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.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Bury Baptist Church, especially their pastor Paul Greenlees.

**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.



### Baptisms

This is a general invite to church members to stay behind on Sunday's when a baptism takes place. Part of the baptism service is a welcome into the family of the church and it seems a shame that only the people presiding at the service are the only ones representing us. The service is a public service which you are all welcome to attend. They generally run from 12.00pm for 30 minutes. Please will you give some thought and prayer to joining us in this opportunity for witness and welcome. Help us to be a family showing a welcoming face to our newest members and their family.

### 700 Club May Winners

£25 - 66 - Sheila Fish; £10 - 15 - Lynn McMahon; £5 - 6 - Peter Taylor-Spencer; £5 - 36 - Jenny Martin.

**Rev. Paul Sanderson** has been given another two weeks away from work do to his continuing illness. Please direct any enquiries to the Wardens or ministry team. Please pray for his wellbeing and for him as he returns to full fitness.

### Summer Events Dates for your diary

June - date TBA - Treasure Hunt

July

Friday 7th July

7.15pm Summer Cabaret by the drama group  
Full details to follow

Saturday 29th July

1.00pm - Croquet at Whitehead Park- £5.00 each

August - date TBA - Garden Party

### Tea & Coffee Rota

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

### How to Contact Us

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### What's on

Monday 22nd

2.00pm - Angel Festival Workshop in the Centenary Room

Wednesday 24th May

1.30pm Midweekers - Pointless

Thursday 25th May

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 26th May

6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

### Coronation Lunch

A big thank you to all of you who contributed to a wonderful meal. A very special thank you to Maureen and Jenny for organising and running the event. Their were many helpers but you sorted us all out. Thank you. We raised £211.00 for church funds.



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