



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 18th June 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 18: 1 - 15	OT page	14
2nd	Romans 5: 1 - 8	NT page	151
Gospel	Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8	NT page	9
Psalm	116: 1, 10 - 17	OT page	576

Flower Donations

Altar

Brian Rigg - birthday memories of Lynda, 10th June.

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.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Connaught Street, Holcombe Avenue and Ribbleton Close.

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, Roger Broadrick, Rev. Paul Sanderson and Elma Hoyle.

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We especially pray for Beryl Proctor, her husband Noel and all their family and friends, and also for Alan Shepherd, his wife Judi, children Emma and Matthew and all their family and friends.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at the United Benefice of Walmersley Road, especially the wardens and all who minister to them during their time of interregnum.

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.

What's on

Monday 19th June

2.00pm Angel Festival workshop in the Centenary Room.

Wednesday 21st June

1.30pm Midweekers - Mexican Train

7.30pm PCC

Thursday 22nd June

7.00pm Drama Group in church

Friday 23rd June

6.00pm Junior Drama Group in the

Summer Cabaret

Please come and join us for an evening of music and fun for all ages on **Friday 7th July** in church. There will be musical numbers and sketches from both our adult and junior drama groups. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. They will be on sale in the Centenary Room after the 10.00am service or Friday evenings at the junior drama club.

Annual Gift Day

This year we are moving it back to its traditional place in June. We want to make it more than just money so we are combining it with a cleaning day. Your gifts to this church are money, time and talent and we are grateful for all that you give. We will be making a weekend of it on **Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June. Cleaning** will take place from **9.30am on Saturday**, there is much to do so please plan to come along even if only for a short period. There will be envelopes available for any donation that you feel that you can make. If you don't normally Gift Aid your donations please will you consider it. If you pay tax then we can claim an additional 25% on top of what you give. Any donation of £30 or less can be put loose in the Gift Day box and we can claim Gift Aid on it. If you wish to know more please speak to Arnold Taylor. Please prayerfully consider what you can offer.

Summer Events Dates for your diary

July

Friday 7th July

7.15pm Summer Cabaret by the drama group
Full details above

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.

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Winners for June £25 - 40 - Arnold Taylor, £10 - 85 - Arthur Lamb, £5 - 24 - Sarah Howard, £5 - 19 - Andrew Coles

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We are still collecting plastic milk bottle caps, red, blue and green for recycling. Please make sure you wash the milk residue off before bringing them to church. Thanks for your support.

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