



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
 Sunday 25th June 2023

**This Week**

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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**Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imaging and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	Genesis 21: 8 - 21	OT page	17
2nd	Romans 6: 1b - 11	NT page	152
Gospel	Matthew 10: 24 - 39	NT page	10
Psalm	86: 1 - 10, 16 - end	OT page	555

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Albion Street, Ashford Close, Euxton Close and Newbold 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, Roger Broadrick, Rev. Paul Sanderson, Elma Hoyle and Audrey Leech.

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 Christ Church Walshaw, especially the wardens and all who minister to them during their time of interregnum.

**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.

### 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.

### 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  
Tickets now on sale from Janet.  
August - date TBA - Garden Party

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.

### How to Contact Us

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### What's on

Wednesday 28th June  
1.30pm Midweekers - NO MEETING  
Thursday 29th June  
7.00pm Drama Group in church  
Friday 30th June  
6.00pm Junior Drama Group in the Centenary Room

### Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew - *Glory to you O Lord.*

#### Matthew 10: 24 - 39

**24** "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master; **25** it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be-el'zebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. **26** "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. **27** What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the housetops. **28** And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will. **30** But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. **32** So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; **33** but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. **34** "Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. **35** For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; **36** and a man's foes will be those of his own household. **37** He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; **38** and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. **39** He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.

**This is the gospel of the Lord - *Praise to you O Christ.***

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