



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 28th May 2023

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion
12.00	Baptisms
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
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Collect for Pentecost

God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Colville Drive, Hambleton Close, Harwood Drive and Leigh Lane.

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, 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.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Bury Christian Fellowship, especially their elder Rob Fairbrother.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Acts 2: 1 - 21	NT page	115
2nd	1 Corinthians 12: 3b - 13	NT page	170
Gospel	John 20: 19 - 23	NT page	112
Psalm	104: 26 - end	OT page	567

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.

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What's on

Wednesday 31st May

1.30pm Midweekers - Beetle

Thursday 1st June

2.00pm Afternoon Tea

St James Woolfold

7.00pm

Drama Group in School

Friday 2nd June

6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the

St James Woolfold are holding their regular afternoon tea on **Thursday 1st June from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**. The cost is £5 which includes a raffle, bingo and a music quiz. All welcome.

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.

On a related matter. If you make a donation to church, whether regular or one off, by cheque please will you make it payable to St Stephens PCC, otherwise we will need to return it to you to change or reissue it. Thank you for your assistance.

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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