



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 4th June 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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10.00 Family Service

6.00 Choral Evensong

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27 - End	NT page	678
2nd	2 Corinthians 13: 11 - End	NT page	182
Gospel	Matthew 28: 16 - End	NT page	32
Psalm	8	OT page	503

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Newington Drive, Ramsey Grove, Stephen Street South and Warlingham 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, 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 St Mary the Virgin, especially their priest, Rev Julian Heaton.

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

June - date TBA - Treasure Hunt

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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What's on

Wednesday 7th June

1.30pm Midweekers - Lunch

7.00pm Mothers' Union - Centenary Room.

Thursday 8th June

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 9th June

6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the
Centenary Room

Mothers' Union

Come along this week and hear Carol Heyes give a short history of St. Stephens in rhyme

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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