



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 2nd July 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Service

6.00 Evensong

Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 22: 1 - 14	OT page	18
2nd	Romans 6: 12 - end	NT page	152
Gospel	Matthew 10: 40 - end	NT page	10
Psalm	13	OT page	506

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Beckenham Close, Kitchener Street, Ormskirk Close and Sandhurst Road.

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.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Audacious Church, especially their pastor, Joel Weaver.

Flower Donations

Altar

Janis and Ronnie Howarth in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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.



Bishop Matthew comes to Bury Mission Community

On Wednesday 19th July the new Bishop of Bolton will be coming to meet the congregations of Bury Mission Community at 7.30pm at Christ Church, Walmersley. We invite you to come along to hear Bishop Matthew as he begins to find his way around his new patch. When he comes he will be able to share his story of faith and ministry with us. We will undoubtedly have questions and there will be space to ask those. In these early days of his ministry among us, I am sure that there will be more questions than answers as he feels his way into a new diocese and a new role. The aim will be to have an opportunity to listen and ask and space too to mingle, talking not only to the bishop but to our sisters and brothers from other parishes. There will be refreshments. If parishes could bring cake so help the good folks of Christ Church who will have no idea of numbers! I look forward to seeing lots of you at the northern outskirts of the Mission Community.

Julian Heaton, Mission Community Leader

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, tickets will also be on sale on the night.

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

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What's on

Wednesday 5th July

1.30pm Midweekers - card games

7.00pm

Mothers' Union - Centenary Room

Friday 7th July

7.15pm

Summer Cabaret

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

Matthew 10: 40 - end

40 "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. **41** He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. **42** And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

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

Psalm 13

1 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. How long, O LORD? Wilt thou forget me for ever? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

4 lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him"; lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

5 But I have trusted in thy steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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

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