



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 16th July 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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10.00 Holy Communion

12.00 Baptism

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Baptism

Please pray for the baptism party next week and consider staying behind to welcome the family, especially our new member, to our church.

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 25: 19 - end	OT page	22
2nd	Romans 8: 1 - 11	NT page	153
Gospel	Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23	NT page	13
Psalm	119: 105 - 112	OT page	580

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Cameron Street, Galgate Close, Newham Drive and Westbury 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, Roger Broadrick, Elma Hoyle, Audrey Leech and Layla Ryan.

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 Seedfield Methodist church, especially their priest, David Somerville.

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.



What's on

Wednesday 19th July

1.30pm Midweekers - DVD

7.30pm Bishop Matthew at Christ Church
Walmersley

Thursday 20th

7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 21st

6.00pm Junior Drama Group in the Centenary
Room

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

100club

Winners for July £25 - 100 - Sandra Leaver; £10 - 58 - Clive Burton; £5 - 91 - Maureen Cooper; £5 - 57 - Jenny Downham.

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

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear." 18 "Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Summer Events

Dates for your diary

Saturday 29th July

1.00pm - Croquet at Whitehead Park- £5.00 each
Tickets now on sale from Janet Gilmartin.

August - date TBA - Garden Party

Saturday 19th Mission Community Pilgrimage part 1

September

Saturday 9th Mission Community Pilgrimage part 2

Saturday 16th Bowling Day details to follow.

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