



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 23rd July 2023

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion
10.00	Holy Communion
12.00	Baptism
Next Sunday	
8.15	Holy Communion at All Saints Kirklees
10.00	Morning Prayer

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns now and forever.

Baptism

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

Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

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@ www.ststephenelton.com

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 28: 10 - 19a	OT page	25
2nd	Romans 8: 12 - 25	NT page	153
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	NT page	14
Psalm	139: 1 - 11, 23 - 24	OT page	589

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Birkdale Drive, Elton Brook Close, Harvey Street and Railway Terrace.

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 Kirklees Valley, especially the wardens during their interregnum.

Flower Donations

Altar

Wendy Smillie in memory of Les.

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 26th July
1.30pm Midweekers

Thursday 27th
7.00pm Drama Group in the Centenary Room

Friday 28th
6.00pm Junior Drama Group in the Centenary Room

Saturday 29th
1.00pm Croquet - Whitehead Park

Rev Marcus Bulcock

Rev Marcus Bulcock has been ordained for 20 years this year. There is going to be a service marking this milestone at St. Anne's Turton on Sunday 24th September 11.00a.m. The service will be followed by an informal lunch. Everyone at St. Stephen's is invited to come along. For catering purposes please can you let me know if you are attending by emailing me before the 13th of August.

Karen Bulcock - kemamb29@gmail.com

Thank you to all my friends at 8.30am and 10am services, for their cards, flowers and get well messages. Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers. Lots of love Carol Heyes

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

Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

24 Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. **26** So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. **27** And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' **28** He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' **29** But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" **36** Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." **37** He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; **38** the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. **40** Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. **41** The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, **42** and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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



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