



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 20th August
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 45: 1 - 15	OT page	43
2nd	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32	NT page	156
Gospel	Matthew 15: 21 - 28	NT page	16
Psalm	133	OT page	586

Flower Donations

Altar

Jane & Tony Parsons, in memory of David Whiteley for his birthday on 22nd August

Lady Chapel

Pat Lay remembering Lilian with love.

Lectern

Margaret Pemberton, in memory of Lilian on her 100th birthday on 18th August

Book of Remembrance

Joan Baxter, in memory of a dear son, Ian.

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.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Fountain Street, Lonsdale Street, Oakwood Close and Wellington House.

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, Layla Ryan and George Sanderson.

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 Jericho Methodist Church, especially their priest, Rev. Blayze White.

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

Monday 21st August

2.00pm Angel craft workshop in the Centenary Room

Wednesday 23rd August

1.30pm Midweekers



Winners for July £25 - 88 - John Gilmartin; £10 - 90 - Tony Parsons; £5 - 32 - June Berry; £5 - 91 - Maureen Cooper.

Kirklees Valley Hospice Fundraiser

A big thank you to all of you who came to our fundraiser last week. We raised an amazing £1,100.00. Lynne.

The Bury & Radcliffe Bible Society Action Group are holding their annual celebration (AGM) on **Friday 15 September at Bury United Reformed Church starting at 7.30pm**. This is the groups first annual celebration since 2019 due to the pandemic in 2020. The guest speaker is Osoba Otaigbe who is the church engagement officer for the Bible Society in the North of England. There will be worship and a demonstration of the 'Open the Book' work being done in schools. Admission is free. Please see the posters displayed in church.

Summer Events Dates for your diary

August 26th - Garden Party - watch out for details

September

Saturday 9th Mission Community Pilgrimage part 2

Saturday 16th Bowling Day at the Rose'n Bowl. Please put your name on the list in the Centenary Room. A deposit of £5 towards the meal can be given to Heather or Anne.

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

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. **22** And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." **23** But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." **24** He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." **25** But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." **26** And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." **27** She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." **28** Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Romans 11: 1-2, 29-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. **2** God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. **29** For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. **30** Just as you were once disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, **31** so they have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may receive mercy. **32** For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all.

This is the word of the Lord - *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 133

1 A Song of Ascents. Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.

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