



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 27th August
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Morning Prayer

Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Exodus 1: 8 - 2: 10	OT page	50
2nd	Romans 12: 1 - 8	NT page	157
Gospel	Matthew 16: 13 - 20	NT page	17
Psalm	124	OT page	583

Flower Donations

Altar

Brian Rigg in memory of Lynda for their 55th wedding anniversary on 31st August.

Book of Remembrance

Wendy Smillie - birthday memories for 31st August of a dear son, Philip.

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 Dearden Fold, Eagley Drive, Garstang Drive and Greenhill 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, Roger Broadrick, Elma Hoyle 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, especially Canon Ralph Mallinson, his wife Helen and all their family and friends

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at St Peter's church, especially their priest Rev Simon Watkinson.

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 30th August

1.30pm

Midweekers

7.00pm

Games Evening in the Centenary Room

100club

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

Please note that the annual renewal is due on 1st October. Please look out for your letter confirming your numbers and the amount. If you are interested in doing please speak to Anne Broadrick.

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 - Garden Party - details coming soon.

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 16: 13 - 20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" **14** And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **17** And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. **18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. **19** I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." **20** Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Romans 12: 1 - 8

1 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **3** For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. **6** Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; **8** he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

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