



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 3rd September
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Morning Prayer

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

6.00 Evensong

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	Exodus 3: 1 - 15	OT page	51
2nd	Romans 12: 9 - end	NT page	158
Gospel	Matthew 16: 21 - end	NT page	17
Psalm	105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b	OT page	567

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Flower Donations

Lady Chapel

Kath Stanway - birthday memories of Brian for 31st August.

Book of Remembrance

Lyn Self - birthday memories of David for 5th September.

Lectern

Arthur Lamb - birthday memories of Betty for 31st August.

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 Edgeworth Drive, Mile Lane, Stephen Street and Wellington Street.

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 ourselves at St Stephen's especially our Vicar Paul and all who minister and serve here.

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 6th September

1.30pm Midweekers
7.00pm Mothers' Union

Thursday 7th September

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 8th September

6.00pm Junior Drama Group in the
Centenary room



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.

Tea & coffee will be served from 12 noon. If you wish to eat lunch please be there in good time, bowling starts at 1.00pm prompt. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to Heather or Anne. Can't bowl, don't worry neither can half of us. Come along for a fun afternoon and a cracking meal.

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

Matthew 16: 21 - end

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. **22** And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." **23** But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." **24** Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? **27** For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. **28** Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

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

Romans 12: 9 - end

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; **10** love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. **14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **20** No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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