



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 10th
September 2023

This Week

Today

8.15 Holy Communion
at All Saints

10.00 Holy Communion

6.00 Evensong

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Service

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

This Week's Readings

1st	Exodus 12: 1 - 14	OT page	60
2nd	Romans 13: 8 - end	NT page	158
Gospel	Matthew 18: 15 - 20	NT page	19
Psalm	119: 33 - 40	OT page	578

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Ainsdale Avenue, Buckingham Drive, Eccleston Close and Glenboro Avenue.

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.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at St.Thomas's, especially their priest, Rev Harvey Nicol.

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 13th September

1.30pm Midweekers - DVD/CD

7.00pm Games Night

Thursday 14th

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 15th

6.00pm Junior Drama Group in the
Centenary room

Saturday 16th

12.00 onwards Bowling Day at The Rose 'N' Bowl
Stacksteads



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.

Bowling Day

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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@ www.ststephenelton.com

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

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. **16** But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. **17** If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. **18** Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **19** Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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

Romans 13: 8 - end

8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law. **9** The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. **11** Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; **12** the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; **13** let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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