



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury

Sunday 17th
September 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Service

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

12.00 Baptism

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 14: 19 - end	OT page	63
2nd	Romans 14: 1 - 12	NT page	158
Gospel	Matthew 18: 21 - 35	NT page	19
Psalm	103: 1 - 13	OT page	565

Flower Donations

Lectern

Hazel Lomas in memory of her dear husband Harry, on their wedding anniversary on 18th September.

Book of Remembrance

Celia Dutton in memory of her dear husband Jim.

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 Douglas Avenue, Fulwood Close, Minden Close and Watling 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.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Tottington Methodist Church, especially their Deacon, Michelle Brocklehurst.

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 20th September

1.30pm Midweekers - Mexican Train

7.30pm PCC

Thursday 21st

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 22nd

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.

Cream Tea

We raised £390.00 for church. Thank you to everyone who made it possible. We may not have had the stalls as usual but we had the SUN. June.

Romans 13: 8 - end

1 As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. **2** One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. **3** Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. **4** Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand. **5** One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike. Let every one be fully convinced in his own mind. **6** He who observes the day, observes it in honour of the Lord. He also who eats, eats in honour of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God; while he who abstains, abstains in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God. **7** None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. **8** If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. **9** For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **10** Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of God; **11** for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." **12** So each of us shall give account of himself to God.

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

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

Matthew 18: 15 - 20

21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" **22** Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. **23** "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. **24** When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; **25** and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. **26** So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' **27** And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. **28** But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' **29** So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' **30** He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. **31** When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. **32** Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; **33** and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' **34** And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. **35** So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

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