



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 24th
September 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

12.00 Baptism

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 16: 2 - 15	OT page	64
2nd	Philippians 1: 21 - end	NT page	194
Gospel	Matthew 20: 1 - 16	NT page	20
Psalm	105: 1-6, 37 - end	OT page	567

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.

Rev Paul Sanderson

I'll be away from 25th Sept to 4rd Oct. As we are going to Jordan my voicemail will be off. If you need to contact someone urgently please phone Carol, Wendy or Celia. God bless Paul

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Daisyfield Court, Horbury Drive, Osborne Close and Seddons 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 Bury Metro Centre especially their pastor Tristan Sherwin.

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 27th September

7.30pm Games evening

Thursday 28th

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 29th

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 joining please speak to Anne Broadrick.

Centenary Room Fund Raising

To launch our Centenary Room Refurbishment Appeal we are holding a LANCASHIRE HOTCHPOTCH on **Saturday 28th October at 7pm** in the centenary room. There will be live music with The Chippy T's, a singalong, Lancashire dialect monologues and a Mystery Guest! Tickets priced £10 will be on sale in church after the 10am service from next Sunday or can be ordered by calling Michael on [07754 584182](tel:07754584182). Price includes pie and peas supper and raffle tickets. The committee thank you for your support.

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

Matthew 20: 1 - 16

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. **2** After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. **3** And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; **4** and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. **5** Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. **6** And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' **7** They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' **8** And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' **9** And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. **10** Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. **11** And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, **12** saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' **13** But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? **14** Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. **15** Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' **16** So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

Bowling Day

Thank you to all who attended the Bowling Day. A good time was had by all. The winners were Tony Parsons and Tim Archer. Runners up Michael Perrin and Fred Keeble. £75 was raised for church funds.

Philippians 1: 21 - end

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. **22** If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. **23** I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. **24** But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. **25** Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, **26** so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. **27** Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, **28** and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. **29** For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, **30** engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

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

News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.

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