



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 15th October
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

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Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Collect for the Nineteenth Sunday after
 Trinity**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 32: 1 - 14	OT page	80
2nd	Philippians 4: 1 - 9	NT page	196
Gospel	Matthew 22: 1 - 14	NT page	23
Psalm	106: 1-6, 19-23	OT page	569

Flower Donations

Lectern

Margaret Pemberton in memory of her mum Irene Mansfield

Book of Remembrance

Carol Heyes in memory of Bob.

Reader's Stall

Joan Baxter, birthday memories of Harold for 12th October.

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 Ainsworth Road, Bolton Road, Ewood Drive and Henley Close.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick, especially today for Ian Francis, Rev. Derek French, Phylis Le Fevre, Roger Broadrick, Elma Hoyle.

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially for David Williams, his wife Halla, their children and grandchildren.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Brandlesholme 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 18th October

1.00pm Midweekers - Mexican Train

Thursday 19th

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 20th

6.00pm Junior Drama Group in the Centenary room

club

Please note that the annual renewal was 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.

October winners are £25 - Pat Brooks (83), £10 - June Berry (56), £5 - Maureen Cooper (91), £5 - Karen Bulcock (29).

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 on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd October 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.

Annual Quiz

This will take place on Friday 24th November from 7.30pm. Put the date in your diary. More details to follow.

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

Matthew 22: 1 - 14

1 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, **2** "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, **3** and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. **4** Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' **5** But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, **6** while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. **7** The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. **8** Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. **9** Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' **10** And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. **11** "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; **12** and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. **13** Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' **14** For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Philippians 4: 1 - 9

1 Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. **2** I entreat Eu-o'dia and I entreat Syn'tyche to agree in the Lord. **3** And I ask you also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they have laboured side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. **4** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5** Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. **6** Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **8** Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

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