



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 22nd October
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion

Next Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion

10.00 Family Service

12.00 Baptism

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

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| 1st | Exodus 33: 12 - end | OT page | 82 |
| 2nd | 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10 | NT page | 200 |
| Gospel | Matthew 22: 15 - 22 | NT page | 23 |
| Psalm | 99 | OT page | 563 |

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Buller Mews, Foulds Avenue, Orpington Drive and Wellington Square.

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 Bury Baptist Church, especially their pastor Paul Greenlees.

Flower Donations

Lady Chapel

Lilian Bentley in memory of her father and brother.

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

Monday 23rd October

2.00pm Angel Workshop - Centenary Room

Wednesday 25th October

1.00pm Midweekers - NO MEETING

Thursday 26th

7.00pm Drama Group in School



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: 15 - 22

15 Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how to entangle him in his talk. **16** And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men. **17** Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" **18** But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? **19** Show me the money for the tax." And they brought him a coin. **20** And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" **21** They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." **22** When they heard it, they marvelled; and they left him and went away.

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

1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. **2** We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, **3** remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **4** For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you; **5** for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. **6** And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit; **7** so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. **8** For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. **9** For they themselves report concerning us what a welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, **10** and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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