



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
 Sunday 8th October
 2023

This Week

Today

8.30 Holy Communion
 10.00 Harvest Family Service

Next Sunday

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Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 | Deuteronomy 8: 7 - 18 | OT page | 174 |
| 2nd | 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - end | NT page | 180 |
| Gospel | Luke 12: 16 - 30 | NT page | 71 |
| Psalm | 65 | OT page | 539 |

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Greenfield Close, Kenmor Avenue, Stephen Close and Wheelton Close.

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.

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a loved one and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially for George Sanderson, his wife Margaret, Paul, Diane and Eleanor and all his family and friends.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at Bolton Road Methodist Church, especially their priest Rev. Kathy Selby.

Flower Donations

Altar

Joyce Berry in memory of her husband on their wedding anniversary for 1st 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.

Thank you for the donations received for harvest flowers and for the help to decorate church. The Flower Team.

The news sheet can be found on our website
 @ www.ststephenelton.com

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 11th October

1.00pm Midweekers - Bingo
7.30pm Games Evening

Thursday 12th

7.00pm Drama Group in School

Friday 13th

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 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.

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

Luke 12: 16 - 30

16 And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." 22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. 30 For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them.

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

Annual Quiz

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

2 Corinthians 9: 6 - end

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; 12 for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

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