



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church  
Elton Bury**  
Sunday 21st April  
2024

<b>This Week</b>	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev. Sam Ecclestone
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<u>Next Sunday</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev. Canon Donna Williams (Area Dean)
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**Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	Acts 4: 5 - 12	NT page	114
2nd	1 John 3: 16 - end	NT page	237
Gospel	John 10: 11 - 18	NT page	100
Psalm	23	OT page	512

**Flower Donations**

**Lady Chapel**

In memory of Lilian Bentley

**Book of Remembrance**

Stuart Jones in memory of Marjorie Atkinson for her birthday.

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 Fountain Street, Lonsdale Street, Oakwood Close and Wellington House.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are sick.

We pray today for all who mourn the recent loss of a loved one, and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at the United Benefice of Walmersley Road, especially their new priest, Rev. Harvie Nicol.

**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 22nd April  
2.00pm Craft Group in the Centenary Room

Thursday 25th  
7.00pm Drama Group in school

Friday 26th  
6.00pm Children's Drama Group in the Centenary Room

### John 10: 11 - 18

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

**11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. **13** The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, **15** just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. **17** For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. **18** No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

### Acts 4: 5 - 12

**5** The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, **6** with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. **7** When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" **8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, **9** if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, **10** let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. **11** This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' **12** There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

### Christian Meditation

There will be a daytime and evening groups each month to give as many as possible an opportunity to spend time in peaceful prayer. The daytime group will be at St. Stephen's on 1st Tuesday of each month from 2.00 to 3.15pm (approx.). The evening group will commence on Wednesday 10th & 24th April at 7.00 to 8.30pm (approx), for the address please contact David or Christine McKenna on 07442 534860 or [cdm.bury@gmail.com](mailto:cdm.bury@gmail.com).

**700** Club

Winners for April are £25 - 41 Celia Dutton; £10 - 86 Lillian Fogg; £5 - 61 June Berry; £5 - 56 June Berry.

### Prayer in the Park

Churches Together in Bury invite us to come and worship and pray for our town on Saturday 18th May 1 - 4 pm in Clarence Park, Royal Avenue, BL9 6LL. There will be an interactive prayer trail, worship, prayer & testimony, plus refreshments from the Green Cafe. Full details can be found on the poster in church



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