



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 26th May  
2024

| <b>This Week</b>   |   |
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| <u>Today</u>       |   |
| 8.30               | Holy Communion<br>Rev. Bob May              |
| 10.00              | Holy Communion<br>Archdeacon Rachel<br>Mann |
| <u>Next Sunday</u> |   |
| 8.30               | Holy Communion<br>Rev. Gordon Joyce         |
| 10.00              | Holy Communion<br>Rev. Gordon Joyce         |

**Collect for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

**This Week's Readings**

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| 1st    | Isaiah 6: 1 - 8   | NT page 645 |
| 2nd    | Romans 8: 12 - 17 | NT page 153 |
| Gospel | John 3: 1 - 17    | NT page 90  |
| Psalms | 29                | OT page 516 |

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Daisyfield Court, Norbury Drive, Osborne Close and Seddons Avenue.

We pray for the healing and comfort of those who are ill whether in mind body or spirit.

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 Kirklees Valley, especially their wardens during their interregnum.

**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.

**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.



### John 3: 1 - 17

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

**1** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." **3** Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' **8** The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? **11** "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. **12** If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? **13** No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. **14** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. **16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. **17** "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

### What's on

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| Wednesday 29th |  |
| 1.30pm         | Midweekers - Carpet Bowls                |
| 7.00pm         | Games Night                              |
| Thursday 30th  |  |
| 7.00pm         | Drama Group in school                    |
| Friday 31st    |  |
| 6.00pm         | Children's Drama Group<br>Centenary Room |

### Romans 8: 12 - 17

**12** So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—**13** for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" **16** it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

### Children's Society Boxes

Please can you return your box to Jenny Downham for counting? Many thanks.

### Upcoming Concert

Bury Veterans Choir are performing a concert at Midweekers on Wednesday 12th June. It will be held in the Centenary Room between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. There is an open invitation for anyone to come along and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment. The cost is £1 which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit. No need to book and we look forward to seeing you there. Michael Perrin.

### ~~100~~ Club May Winners

£25 - 47 - Janet Gilmartin; £10 - 73 - Sandra Beard; £5 - 25 - Janet Taylor; £5 - 76 - Wendy Smillie.



### How to Contact Us

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

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