



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 2nd June
2024

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev. Gordon Joyce
10.00	Holy Communion Rev. Gordon Joyce
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev. Donna
10.00	Family Service Rev. Donna
6.00	Evensong

Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10	NT page 254
2nd	2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 12	NT page 177
Gospel	Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6	NT page 35
Psalm	139: 1-5,, 12-18	OT page 589

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.

In our Prayers

We pray especially today for Matilda Jane as she is baptised and welcomed in to our church, for her parents Ashleigh and Michael and all their family and friends.

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Blackrod Drive, Dow Lane, Ivy Road and Sunningdale Close.

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 St John the Baptist, Bircle, especially their wardens during their interregnum.

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.



Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6

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

23 One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. **24** The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" **25** And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? **26** He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." **27** Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; **28** so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." **1** Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. **2** They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. **3** And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." **4** Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. **5** He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. **6** The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 12

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5** For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. **6** For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **7** But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. **8** We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; **9** persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **10** always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. **11** For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. **12** So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

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.

700 Club May Winners

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

What's on

Monday 3rd	
2.00pm	Craft group in the Centenary Room
Wednesday 5th	
1.30pm	Midweekers - Mexican Train
7.00pm	Mothers' Union - Lancashire Night
Thursday 6th	
7.00pm	Drama Group in church
Friday 7th	
6.00pm	Children's Drama Group Centenary Room

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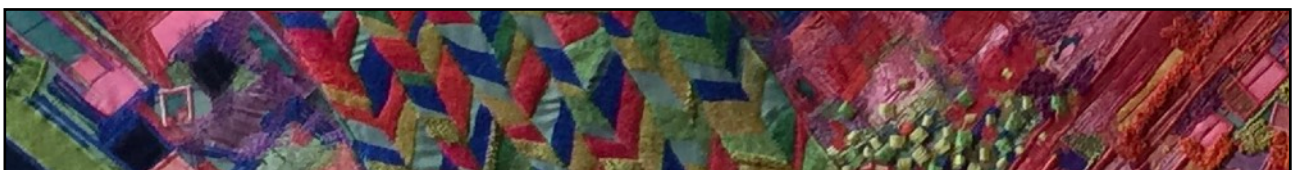
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