



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 9th June
2024

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev. Donna Williams
10.00	Family Service Rev. Donna Williams
6.00	Evensong
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion AD Rev Rachel Mann
10.00	Holy Communion AD Rev Rachel Mann

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Week's Readings

1st	1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20	NT page 258
2nd	2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1	NT page 177
Gospel	Mark 3: 20 - end	NT page 35
Psalm	138	OT page 588

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 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 Joseph RC, especially their priest Father William Foley.

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Brian Rigg - birthday memories of Lynda for 10th June.

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.



Mark 3: 20 - end

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

Then he went home; **20** and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. **21** When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." **22** And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Be-el'zebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." **23** And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? **24** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25** And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. **26** And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. **27** But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. **28** "Truly, I say to you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; **29** but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" -- **30** for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." **31** Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. **32** A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." **33** And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" **34** And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! **35** Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

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

2 Corinthians 4: 13 - 5: 1

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we speak, **14** because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and bring us with you into his presence. **15** Yes, everything is for your sake, so that as grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. **16** So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. **17** For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, **18** because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. **1** For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*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.

Drama Group Summer Show

This year's show will be on Friday 8th July at 7.15pm here in church. Tickets cost £5.00 which includes refreshments. Come online for a fun evening of songs, dance, sketches and comedy. Tickets will be on sale soon from Gill Roles on 07872 389561.

**What's on**

Monday 10th 2.00pm	Craft group in the Centenary Room
Wednesday 12th 1.30pm 7.00pm	Midweekers - Veterans' Choir Games Night
Thursday 13th 7.00pm	Drama Group in church
Friday 14th 6.00pm	Children's Drama Group Centenary Room
Monday 17th 7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at St Peter's Bury. (for all church officers and PCC)

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