



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 25th August  
2024

<b>This Week</b>	
<u>Today</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev Ian Stamp
10.00	Holy Communion Rev Derek Akker
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
8.30	Holy Communion Rev Bob May
10.00	Holy Communion Rev Ian McVeety with Junior church

**Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who called your church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator, you feed your children with true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**This Week's Readings**

1st	1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43	OT page 321
2nd	Ephesians 6: 10 - 20	NT page 192
Gospel	John 6: 56 - 69	NT page 95
Psalm	84	OT page 554

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Bispham Close, Freckleton Drive, Rose Grove and Winmarleigh 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 Bury Baptist church, especially Paul Greenlees.

**Flower Donations**

**Altar**

Jane & Tony Parsons - birthday memories of David Whiteley for his birthday, 22nd August.

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 6: 56 - 69

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

**56** He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. **57** As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. **58** This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever." **59** This he said in the synagogue, as he taught at Caper'na-um. **60** Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" **61** But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offence at this? **62** Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? **63** It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. **64** But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. **65** And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." **66** After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. **67** Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" **68** Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; **69** and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."  
This is the gospel of the Lord - **Praise to you O Christ.**

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### What's on

Wednesday 28th

7.00pm Parish prayer meeting

### Social Events for your diary and news

The new banners for church are almost finished so the Craft Group are beginning a new project. We aim to make all things Christmassy to sell later in the year. If you have any items we could use - fabric, decorations, etc please let Jane know. She will collect if you need her to, or you can bring donations to church, or even come along and join in the craft session on a Monday afternoon from 2-4. All skill levels welcome; the more the merrier. You could even just come for a Crafty Cuppa and enjoy the fellowship.

From September, there will be a Junior Church begin again during the 10am service on each FIRST Sunday of the month. Please let Jane know if your children/grandchildren are interested in attending or if you would be able to help out.

Starting this month on the FOURTH Wednesday (28th August) there will be an open prayer meeting to be held in the Centenary Room at 7pm. See Jane for further details.

Annual bowling day is on Saturday 14th September at the Rose N Bowl Stacksteads. Please add your name to the list, as a player or spectator, which is in the Centenary Room. A deposit of £5 is now due towards the carvery at the bowling day. Please give it to Anne or Heather. A payment of £3 to play is payable on the day.

Roger Downham after serving for many years is stepping down from being the Centenary Room Officer. If you can take on the role, Roger will be happy to let you know what the position involves. A volunteer is urgently needed. It is necessary income for the church.

Stuart Jones Annual coffee morning for MacMillan Nurses and St Stephen's Centenary Room Appeal  
SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER from 12 - 4pm VENUE - 9 St PAUL'S COURT WALKDEN MANCHESTER M28 3BL All welcome there is a cuppa and a slice of cake waiting for you

**100 club**

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.