



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 12th April 2026

<b>This Week</b>	
<u>Today</u>	
9.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church
6.00	Evensong
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
9.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church

#### **Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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**

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **This Week's Readings**

1st	Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32	NT page	115
2nd	1 Peter 1: 3 - 9	NT page	229
Gospel	John 20: 19 - End	NT page	112
Psalm	16	OT page	507

#### **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**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Cameron Street, Galgate Close, Newham Drive and Westbury 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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

As part of Churches Together in Bury we pray for our brothers and sisters at the Salvation Army, especially Cor Van der Woude & Angelique

Gluten free host (communion wafers) are available. If you require one please let the Sidespersons or warden know.

#### **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. There is a Junior Church for 5 year olds and upwards in the Centenary room during the 9.00am service, on most Sundays. There will be songs, readings and crafts for all ages. Speak to Leanne or Carol for more details.

Please join us in the Centenary Room after the 9.00am service for refreshments and fellowship.



**Fire Notice - In the event of fire go through the marked fire exit doors and assemble on Stephen Close.**

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

**John 20: 19 - end**

**19** When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

**20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

**22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin ), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

**26** A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

**27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

**28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

**30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**What's on**

Monday 13th

2.00pm Craft Group

7.00pm Study Group - Lent Course

Wednesday 15th

1.00pm Midweekers - Newmarket

Thursday 16th

7.00pm Drama Group

**APCM - Wednesday 29th April at 7.00pm**

The 2026 Electoral Roll is on display in the porch. No further additions are allowed until after the APCM.

Forms are available for the nominations of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod, PCC and Sidespersons. Elections and appointments will take place at the APCM. Please be prayerful as to whether you can serve in any of these roles. Forms will be available in the church porch. Speak to the Warden, Carol, or Barbara for further information.

**How to Contact Us**

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**Acts 2: 14a, 22 - 32**

**14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, **22** "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — **23** this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. **24** But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. **25** For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; **26** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. **27** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. **28** You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' **29** "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. **31** Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' **32** This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

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