



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 19th April 2026

<b>This Week</b>	
<u>Today</u>	
9.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
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#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

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

1st	Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41	NT page	115
2nd	1 Peter 1: 17 - 23	NT page	230
Gospel	Luke 24: 13 - 35	NT page	86
Psalm	116: 1 - 3, 10 - end	OT page	576

#### **Flower Donations**

##### **Book of Remembrance**

Anne Broadrick in memory of Olga and Jack Riggs who were married 80 years ago on 20th April 1946.

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 Birkdale Drive, Elton Brook Close, Harvey Street and Railway Terrace.

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 Tottington Methodist Church, especially their Deacon Michelle Brocklehurst.

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 Luke - *Glory to you O Lord.* Luke 24: 13 - 35**

**13** Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, **16** but their eyes were kept from recognising him. **17** And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. **18** Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" **19** He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20** and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. **22** Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, **23** and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. **24** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." **25** Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! **26** Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" **27** Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. **28** As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. **29** But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. **31** Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" **33** That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. **34** They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" **35** Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**What's on**

Monday 20th  
2.00pm Craft Group  
7.00pm Study Group - Lent Course

Wednesday 22nd  
1.30pm Midweekers - NO MEETING

Thursday 23rd  
7.00pm Drama Group

Friday 24th  
6.00pm Junior 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. Copies of the annual report are available in the porch.

**700** club The winners for April are £25 - Len Allinson (5), £10 - Sheila Fish (66), £5 - Clive Burton (58), £5 - Helen Archer (39).

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