



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 26th April 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Week's Readings

1st	Acts 2: 42 - end	NT page	116
2nd	1 Peter 2: 19 - end	NT page	231
Gospel	John 10: 1 - 10	NT page	100
Psalm	23	OT page	512

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Alder Close, St. Michael's Close, Tarleton Close and Wellington Court.

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 Bury Metro Centre, especially their pastor Tristan Sherwin.

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

Flower Donations

Altar

Lilian Bentley in memory of her mother.

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. 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 10: 1 - 10

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. **6** There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. **8** He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. **9** The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

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

Acts 2: 42 - end

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. **44** All who believed were together and had all things in common; **45** they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

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

How to Contact Us

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What's on

Monday 27th

2.00pm Craft Group

7.00pm Study Group - Lent Course

Wednesday 29th

1.30pm Midweekers - NO MEETING

7.00pm APCM in the Centenary Room

Thursday 30th

7.00pm Drama Group

Friday 1st May

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.

Mothers' Union OPEN MEETING

Everyone welcome **Wednesday 6th May 7pm** in the Centenary Room. Come along and enjoy with Karen and Marcus and their presentation of the West Highland Way. One of the most popular long distance footpaths in the world 96 miles. Starting at Milngavie and finishing at Fort William. £2 entrance including your raffle ticket and refreshment. Hope to see you there.



News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com