



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 5th April 2026

### This Week

#### Today

9.00 Holy Communion  
with Junior Church  
Easter Sunday  
with Flowering the Cross  
Bring a flower

#### Next Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion  
with Junior Church

### Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### This Week's Readings

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| 1st    | Acts 10: 34 - 43    | NT page | 126 |
| 2nd    | Colossians 3: 1 - 4 | NT page | 198 |
| Gospel | Matthew 28: 1 - 10  | NT page | 32  |
| Psalm  | 118: 1-2, 14 - 24   | OT page | 576 |

### 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 Abbey Drive, Daisy Street, Haig Court and Scholes Street.

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 St Peter's especially the wardens during interregnum.

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 Matthew - *Glory to you O Lord.***

**Matthew 28: 1 - 10**

**1** After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." **8** So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. **9** Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. **10** Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

**Acts 10: 34 - 43**

**34** Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, **35** but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. **36** You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. **37** That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: **38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. **39** We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; **40** but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, **41** not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. **42** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. **43** All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

### **What's on**

Wednesday 8th

1.00pm

Midweekers

7.00pm

Games Night

Thursday 9th

7.00pm

Drama Group

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

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll **CLOSES TODAY** The official announcement can be found in the porch. If you are not on our Electoral Roll and would like to be able to contribute to the business of our church please ask the Warden or our new Electoral Roll officer, Arnold Taylor, for a form and they will be happy to help.

From 8th March, forms will be displayed 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.



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