



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 10th May 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church
6.00 Choral Evensong

Thursday 14th May

7.00pm Ascension Day service
at St James.

Next Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 17: 22 - 31	NT page	134
2nd	1 Peter 3: 13 - end	NT page	231
Gospel	John 14: 15 - 21	NT page	105
Psalm	66: 7 - end	OT page	539

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Adlington Close, Deardens Street, Grange Road and Kingston 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 Bolton Road Methodist Church, especially their priest Rev. Blaze White.

Flower Donations

Lectern

Margaret Pemberton - remembering her dear sister, Joan Bentley.

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.

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 14: 15 - 21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. **17** This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. **18** "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. **19** In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21** They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Acts 17: 22 - 31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. **23** For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. **24** The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, **25** nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. **26** From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, **27** so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. **28** For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." **29** Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. **30** While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, **31** because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

What's on

Monday 11th May

2.00pm Craft Group
7.00pm Study Group

Wednesday 13th

1.30pm Midweekers - Beetle
7.00pm Games evening

Thursday 14th

7.00pm Drama Group

Friday 15th

6.00pm Junior Drama Group

Thank You

We are only able to continue as a thriving church through the generous financial support of all of you. Without your regular giving through standing orders, weekly envelopes, cash on the plate, the QR code and the fantastic fundraising we wouldn't be able to carry on. The PCC thanks you all for your generosity, hard work and commitment.



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