



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 17th May 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**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom; confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1: 6 - 14	NT page	114
2nd	1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6 - 11	NT page	232
Gospel	John 17: 1 - 11	NT page	108
Psalm	68: 1 - 10, 32 - end	OT page	540

#### **In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Fountain Street, Lonsdale Street, Oakwood Close and Wellington House.

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 Brandlesholme Methodist Church, especially their Deacon, Michelle Brocklehurst..

#### **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.

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 17: 1 - 11**

**1** After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, **2** since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. **3** And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. **4** I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. **5** So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. **6** "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. **7** Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; **8** for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. **9** I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. **10** All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. **11** And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

Crafty Ladies has been moved to Tuesday this week.

**Litter Pick**

As part of our service to the local community we will be doing a litter pick in the streets around church from **10.00am on Saturday 23rd May**, followed by lunch. Come along for some fun and fellowship. Equipment will be provided.

On **Saturday 23rd May between 1.30 and 4.00pm** Churches Together are holding a Prayer in the park event in Clarence Park, Walmersley Road by the band stand.

**How to Contact Us**

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**What's on**

Monday 18th May

7.00pm Study Group

Tuesday 19th

2.00pm Craft Group

Wednesday 20th

1.30pm Midweekers - Beetle

7.30pm PCC

Thursday 21st

7.00pm Drama Group

Friday 22nd

6.00pm Junior Drama Group

Saturday 23rd

10.00am Litter pick and lunch

1.30pm Prayer in the Park

**Acts 1: 6 14**

**6** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **9** When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. **11** They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." **12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. **13** When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. **14** All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

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