



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**  
Sunday 7th June 2026

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
9.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church
<u>Next Sunday</u>	
9.00	Holy Communion with Junior Church
6.00	Choral Evensong

#### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Collect for the First Sunday after Trinity

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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	Genesis 12: 1 - 9	OT page	10
2nd	Romans 4: 13 - end	NT page	150
Gospel	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	NT page	8
Psalm	33: 1 - 12	OT page	518

#### 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 Ainsdale Avenue, Buckingham Drive, Eccleston Close and Glenboro Avenue.

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 Mary the Virgin, especially their priest Rev. Julian Heaton

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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 9: 9 - 13, 18 - 26**

**9** As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. **10** And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **12** But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **13** Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." **18** While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." **19** And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. **20** Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, **21** for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." **22** Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. **23** When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, **24** he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. **25** But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. **26** And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

**What's on**

Monday 8th June

2.00pm Craft Group

7.00pm Study Group - NO MEETING

Wednesday 10th

1.30pm Midweekers - Pointless

7.00pm Games Evening

Thursday 11th

7.00pm Drama Group

Friday 12th

6.00pm Junior Drama Group

**Ellise O'Hara**

Ellise will be ordained at Manchester Cathedral on 27th June. On **Sunday 28th** she will conduct her first Eucharist at **St James Woolfold at 11.00am**. Please come and join her to celebrate this wonderful occasion. In order to accommodate this the service here will be Morning Prayer at 9.00am. Let's fill the church and make it standing room only.

**700** club The winners for May are £25 - Ashleigh Rollings (89), £10 - Brian Rigg (68), £5 - Sheila Fish (96), £5 - Roger Broadrick (54).

**Race Night**

**Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm** in Centenary Room. Tickets £10 to include a pie / pea supper and a stake in each race. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets available from Val Eustice [ 07933986785 ] and Barbara Ingham. Please join us for this new fun fundraising event.

**Genesis 12: 1 - 9**

**1** Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **2** I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. **3** I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." **4** So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. **5** Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, **6** Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. **7** Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. **8** From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. **9** And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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