



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church  
Elton Bury**  
Sunday 14th June 2026

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

#### **Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **This Week's Readings**

1st	Genesis 18: 1 - 15, 21 - 17	OT page	14
2nd	Romans 5: 1 - 8	NT page	151
Gospel	Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8	NT page	9
Psalm	116: 1, 10 - 17	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 Douglas Avenue, Fulwood Close, Minden Close and Watling 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 Bury URC, especially Rev Daniel Harris and the Elders.

#### **How to Contact Us**

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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: 35 - 10: 8**

**35** Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; **38** therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." **1** Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. **2** These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; **3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; **4** Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. **5** These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, **6** but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near.' **8** Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

### What's on

Monday 15th June

2.00pm Craft Group

7.00pm Study Group - NO MEETING

Wednesday 17th

1.30pm Midweekers - Pointless

7.00pm Games Evening

Thursday 18th

7.00pm Drama Group

Friday 19th

6.00pm Junior Drama Group

Saturday 20

7.30pm Race Night

### 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.

### 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 18: 1 - 15, 21: 1- 7**

**1** The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. **2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. **3** He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. **4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. **5** Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." **6** And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." **7** Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. **8** Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. **9** They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." **10** Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. **11** Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. **12** So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" **13** The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" **14** Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." **15** But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." **1** The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. **2** Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. **3** Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. **4** And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. **5** Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. **6** Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." **7** And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

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

News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.

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