



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 19th July 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
NO Junior Church

Next Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns now and forever.

**Collect for the Seventh Sunday after
Trinity**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 28: 10 - 19a	OT page	25
2nd	Romans 8: 12 - 25	NT page	153
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	NT page	14
Psalm	139: 1 - 11, 23 - 24	OT page	589

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Blackrod Drive, Dow Lane, Ivy Road and Sunningdale 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 Seedfield Methodist Church, especially their priest Rev. David Somerville.

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 children 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 holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew - *Glory to you O Lord.*

Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. **26** So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. **27** And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" **28** He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" **29** But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. **30** Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' " **36** Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." **37** He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; **38** the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, **39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. **40** Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. **41** The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, **42** and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **43** Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

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What's on

Monday 20th

2.00pm Craft Group

7.00pm Study Group

Wednesday 22nd

1.30pm Midweekers - NO MEETING

7.30pm PCC

Thursday 23rd

7.00pm Drama Group

Friday 24th

6.00pm Junior Drama Group.

The PCC wish to set up a small working group to oversee the work required following our recent quinquennial inspection. Please would you consider getting involved and give your name to Carol Heyes.

Janet & John would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the croquet event. Special thanks to the ladies who provided cakes and donations to the raffle, many thanks. We raised £232 for church funds.

100 Club July Winners

£25 - 7 - Carol Heyes; £10 - 38 - Brian Rigg; £5 - 4 - Sandra Beard; £5 - 47 - Janet Gilmartin.

The PCC need someone to take over the booking and cleaning of the Centenary Room on a temporary basis. As the Centenary Room is a source of vital income we need to ensure that the room is clean and tidy for users who hire it. If you can spare some time each week to help with this please let us know. For all details regarding both roles please speak to Carol Heyes, Warden, thank you.

Favourite Hymns

From September we want to introduce a favourite hymn selection for the recessional hymn. A member of our congregation will choose a hymn and introduce it to the congregation after the notices. If you would like to choose your favourite hymn please let the vicar, Sam, know as soon as possible.