



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 9th August 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

6.00 Choral Evensong

Next Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion
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Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Buller Mews, Foulds Avenue, Orpington Drive and Wellington Square.

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 Joseph and St Marie's RC, especially their priest Father William Foley

Gluten free host (communion wafers) are available. If you require one please let the Sidespersons or warden know.

This Week's Readings

1st	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28	OT page	34
2nd	Romans 10:5 - 15	NT page	156
Gospel	Matthew 14: 22 - 33	NT page	15
Psalm	105: 1-6, 16-22	OT page	567

**Flower Donations
Altar**

Val & Alan Eustice in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

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.

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 14: 22 - 33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. **23** And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, **24** but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. **25** And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. **26** But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. **27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." **28** Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." **29** He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" **31** Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" **32** When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. **33** And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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



What's on

Monday 10th

2.00pm

Craft Group

7.00pm

Study Group - NO MEETING

Wednesday 12th

1.30pm

Midweekers - Bowls

7.00pm

Games Evening

Thursday 13th

7.00pm

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.

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.

Cream Tea

The annual cream tea will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 15th August. Tickets are £5 available from June. If you have any raffle prizes please let June know.

Children's Society

Please can you return your box to Jane Parsons for counting as soon as you can. If you are interested in getting involved please speak to Jane.

Bowling Day 19th September at Rose n Bowl

The sign up sheet is in the Centenary Room. Please put your name down as either a player or spectator. The bowling will be followed by a carvery.

How to Contact Us

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