



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 30th August 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

Next Sunday

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Back Pack Service

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Arthur Street, Dalton Street, Hulbert Street and Sutton 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 Jericho Methodist Church, especially their priest Blaze White.

This Week's Readings

1st	Exodus 3: 1 - 15	OT page	51
2nd	Romans 12: 9 - end	NT page	158
Gospel	Matthew 16: 21 - end	NT page	17
Psalm	105: 1 - 6, 23 - 26, 45b	OT page	567

**Flower Donations
Altar**

Arthur Lamb in loving memory of Betty for her birthday, 31st August

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.

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 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 16: 21 - end

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. **22** And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." **23** But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." **24** Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. **26** For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? **27** "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. **28** Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

Mattins

I cannot open mine eyes,
But thou art ready there to catch
My morning-soul and sacrifice:
Then we must needs for that day make a
match.

My God, what is a heart?
Silver, or gold, or precious stone,
Or star, or rainbow, or a part
Of all these things or all of them in one?

My God, what is a heart?
That thou should'st it so eye, and woo,
Pouring upon it all thy art,
As if that thou hadst nothing else to do?

Indeed man's whole estate
Amounts (and richly) to serve thee:
He did not heav'n and earth create,
Yet studies them, not him by whom they be.

Teach me thy love to know;
That this new light, which now I see,
May both the work and workman show:
Then by a sun-beam I will climb to thee.

George Herbert 1593 - 1633

What's on

Monday 31st

2.00pm Craft Group

7.00pm Study Group - NO MEETING

Wednesday 2nd September

1.30pm Midweekers - Play your cards

Right

Thursday 27th

7.00pm Drama group

Thank you to everyone who came to the cream tea last Saturday and to everyone who supported it, especially those without whose help it would not have been possible. It turned out to be a lovely afternoon and raised £423.00. Thank you, June.

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.

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. Please give a £5 deposit to Anne Broadrick or Heather Caudwell.

100 Club August Winners

£25 - 60 - Jane Bunn; £10 - 79 - Paul Sanderson £5 - 18 Ann Sullivan; £5 - 62 - Celia Dutton.

Back Pack Service

We are holding a special Sunday service in September to celebrate a new school year and those transferring to new schools. As part of this we are looking for donations of stationery, pens, pencils etc. Please see Ellise for more details.

News sheet deadline - please send all your news items to Tony Parsons by 7.00pm each Thursday.
Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com