



Welcome to
**St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury**
Sunday 13th September

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church
6.00 Choral Evensong

Next Sunday

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Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Chistlehurst Close, Chorley Close, Preesall Close and Wadebridge Drive.

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 ourselves at St Stephens, especially our priest Sam and curate Ellise.

This Week's Readings

1st	Exodus 14: 19 - end	OT page	63
2nd	Romans 14: 1 - 12	NT page	158
Gospel	Matthew 18: 21 - 35	NT page	19
Psalm	114	OT page	575

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

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

How to Contact Us

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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 18: 21 - 35

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" **22** Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. **23** "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; **25** and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. **26** So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' **27** And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. **28** But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe.' **29** Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' **30** But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. **31** When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. **32** Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' **34** And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. **35** So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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



What's on

Today

1.30pm Children's Panto rehearsal.

Monday 14th

2.30pm Craft Group

7.00pm Study Group

Wednesday 16th

1.30pm Midweekers - Mexican Train

7.30 PCC

Thursday 17th

7.00pm Drama group

Friday 18th

9.00 Dustbusters

6.00 Children's' Drama Group

Saturday 19th

12.00 Bowling Day at Rose N Bowl

Sunday 20th

2.00 Children's Panto Rehearsal
in the Centenary Room

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.

Harvest Supper on Friday 9th October in the Centenary Room. Pie & Peas supper, sing-a-long with The Dodgers. Tickets £10 available from Barbara.

100 Club. The annual renewal letters are available in the porch which confirms your numbers. The payment of £12 per number is due by 31st October to retain them in the draw. If you no longer wish to keep some or all of your numbers please let Anne or Tony know so they can be offered to new members.

From Friday 18th September every third Friday of the month Dustbusters will be cleaning the church from 9.00am. All welcome. See Sam for details.

Bury & Radcliffe Bible Society Action Group are holding their Annual Celebration on Friday 25th September at the Bury URC on Parsons Lane Bury at 7.30pm. There will be live music and hymns and a guest speaker Revd Paul Greenlees from Bury Baptist Church. Free admission with donations to the Bible Society. Details are displayed on the notice boards in the porch and centenary room.

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