



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 20th September

This Week

Today

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

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Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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	Exodus 16: 2 - 15	OT page	64
2nd	Philippians 1: 21 - end	NT page	193
Gospel	Matthew 20: 1 - 16	NT page	20
Psalm	105: 1 - 6, 37 - end	OT page	567

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Anderton Close, Haig Road, Mizpah Grove and Peers 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 the Salvation Army, especially Cor Van der Woude & Angelique.

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Celia Dutton in memory of Jim for 16th September

Lectern

Hazel Lomas in memory of Harry on their 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.

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 20: 1 - 16

1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. **2** After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. **3** When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; **4** and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. **5** When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. **6** And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" **7** They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." **8** When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." **9** When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. **10** Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. **11** And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, **12** saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." **13** But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" **14** Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. **15** Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" **16** So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

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What's on

Today	
2.30pm	Children's Panto rehearsal.
Monday 21st	
1.30pm	Craft Group
7.00pm	Study Group
Wednesday 23rd	
1.30pm	Midweekers - NO MEETING
Thursday 24th	
7.00pm	Drama group
Friday 25th	
6.00	Children's' Drama Group
Sunday 27th	
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.

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Club September Winners

£25 - 77 - Jean Fitton; £10 - 63 - Dot Fentem; £5 - 60 - Jane Bunn; £5 - 68 - Brian Rigg.

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.
Email tony.parsons67@gmail.com