



Welcome to  
**St Stephen's Church**  
**Elton Bury**

Sunday 18th October 2026

**This Week**

Today

9.00 Holy Communion  
with Junior Church

Next Sunday

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**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven to deliver the the world  
from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy  
mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life, and walk in it  
without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

**The Pastoral Team are available in the Lady Chapel  
after the service for prayer and support.**

**Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after  
Trinity**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit  
wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's  
gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will, that we  
may share with the whole creation the  
joys of eternal life; 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 33: 12 - end       | OT page | 82  |
| 2nd    | 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10 | NT page | 200 |
| Gospel | Matthew 22: 15 - 22       | NT page | 23  |
| Psalm  | 99                        | OT page | 563 |

**In our Prayers**

This week we pray for the members of our  
community who live or work in Belbeck Street,  
Hamilton Close, Reigate Close and Windsor 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 our  
brothers and sisters at Bolton Road Methodist  
Church, especially their Priest Blaze White.

**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.

**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 22: 15 - 22**

**15** Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. **16** So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. **17** Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" **18** But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? **19** Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. **20** Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" **21** They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." **22** When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

**Exodus 33: 12 - end**

**12** Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' **13** Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." **14** He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." **15** And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. **16** For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." **17** The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." **18** Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." **19** And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. **20** But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." **21** And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; **22** and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; **23** then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

**This is the word of the Lord - *Thanks be to God.***

### What's on

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Today          |                             |
| 2.00pm         | Children's Panto rehearsal. |
| Monday 19th    |                             |
| 1.30pm         | Craft Group                 |
| 7.00pm         | Study Group                 |
| Wednesday 21st |                             |
| 1.30pm         | Midweekers - Mexican Train  |
| 7.30pm         | PCC                         |
| Thursday 22nd  |                             |
| 7.00pm         | Drama group                 |
| Friday 23rd    |                             |
| 6.00           | Children's' Drama Group     |
| Sunday 25th    |                             |
| 2.00           | Children's Panto Rehearsal  |

### Favourite Hymns

Since September we have introduced 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.

**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. Numbers 50 & 86 are available.

**100 Club** October Winners

£25 - 45 - Carol Kitchen; £10 - 67 - Clive Burton £5 - 85 - Arthur Lamb; £5 - 94 - Arthur Lamb.

### Annual Income Survey

The annual Income Survey starts today. Forms are at the back of church. Please fill in a form after the service and place in the box provided. This survey helps decide our Parish Share contribution for 2027. The wardens are available if you have questions or need further assistance.

The Christmas Fayre date is Saturday 5th December. There will be a meeting in the Lady Chapel **TODAY** after the 9am service. This is one of our major fund raisers in the year. Please attend if you wish to volunteer for this event. Lots of various posts to fill. See the wardens for more information.