



Welcome to
St Stephen's Church
Elton Bury
Sunday 11th October 2026

This Week

Today

9.00 Harvest Festival

6.00 Choral Evensong

Next Sunday

9.00 Holy Communion
with Junior Church

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

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

This Week's Readings

1st	Deuteronomy 8: 7 - 18	OT page	172
2nd	2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15	NT page	180
Gospel	Luke 12: 16 - 30	NT page	71
Psalm	65	OT page	539

Flower Donations

Book of Remembrance

Joan Baxter, birthday memories for Harold for 12th October.

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.

In our Prayers

This week we pray for the members of our community who live or work in Bispham Close, Freckleton Drive, Rose Grove and Winmarleigh 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 throughout Bury and all who serve in ministry.

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 Luke - *Glory to you O Lord.*

Luke 12: 16 - 30

16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" **18** Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' **20** But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." **22** He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. **23** For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. **24** Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! **25** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **26** If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? **27** Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **28** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! **29** And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. **30** For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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



What's on

Today	
2.00pm	Children's Panto rehearsal.
Monday 12th	
1.30pm	Craft Group
7.00pm	Study Group
Wednesday 14th	
1.30pm	Midweekers - Games
7.00pm	Games Evening
Thursday 15th	
7.00pm	Drama group
Friday 16th	
6.00	Children's' Drama Group
Sunday 18th	
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.

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 on Sunday 18th October 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.

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