

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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Welcome to our church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer

Sunday 3rd August 2025

8.00am – No Service

10.00am - Connect Service

- Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
- In Christ Alone
- Freely, Freely,
- We Shall go out in Joy



AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS – 10.00AM

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served in church following the 10.00am service. Why not stay for a drink, biscuit and a chat. It's a chance to get to know everyone. **A warm and friendly welcome to all.**



GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)
(We meet on Monday's unless specified otherwise)



Upcoming Programme

September 1st - Helen Plumb - Glorious Gemstones.

September 15th - EcoChurch – Update, aspirations and achievements with Lynda and Chris.

October 6th - Board Games

October 20th - TBA Angela Hugman - Fall prevention or Fiona Whitehead armchair yoga

CRAFT & CHATTER (Every 4th Saturday of the Month)

10.30-12.30. We run alongside Open Church. If you knit, crochet, sew, or craft, do come along. **Open to all**

SUNDAY STARS



Informal Worship for Little Ones and their Grownups
Meets on the **fourth** Sunday of the month from 9.00
9.30. In the Bishop Allenby Hall (next to the church)

A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is administered by a charity run by various Dioceses. The scheme should be better for givers, and better for the church.

There are a selection of booklets at the back of Church. If you want to know more, please speak to Richard Hemmings or you can go to the Parish Giving website:

www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk



Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

We will be taking our summer break from Midweek Zoom and will resume again on Monday 1st September.

Trinity 7

Next Sunday – Trinity 8

8.00am – No Service

10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Genesis 15.1-6

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40

Intercessions: Lucy Lewis



Geoff Hill

Philippa Boulter



LITTLE STARS ★ For babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers meets in church every Thursday ★
afternoon in **term time** from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. ★
Further details from Michelle Walsh (details below) ★

Open Church

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm



If you have any items for the notice sheet please e-mail them to: mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com
Please send by **Thursday - 10.00am** if you wish it to be included in the following Sunday's notice sheet.

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com or 07961 097497

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

RAFFLE TICKETS!

Autumn Fayre Raffle tickets are now available at the back of church. £5 for £5.



Prayer Retreat Day - Wednesday 20th August from 10-3 The sign up sheet is now at the back of church. Places are limited to 20 and will be on a first come, first served basis. Please bring a packed lunch and a crafting activity that brings you joy and do please come prepared for the weather - whatever it may bring. Sensible shoes or boots would be a good idea as there are wonderful grounds to be explored.

Praying Together in word & silence

Regular prayer meetings are held on the **1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. 9.30am-10.10am** in the Hartley Brown room (entrance back door).

Sunday Morning Refreshments - Request for help. If you think you could help please speak to Ruth / ruth.scotson@gmail.com for more info.

Use of the West Door Entrance - Sunday 17th August

In preparation for the restoration work to begin on the south porch, the south door will remain closed on Sunday 17th August for the 10am service in order to put our west door and new ramp to the test. This will allow us time to identify any potential challenges and address them before the works to south porch stonework commence in September. Thank you from the Community Support Team.

Hymns and Pimms in the Churchyard

Join us in the churchyard on Sunday 17th August at 4pm to share in singing some of our favourite hymns over a glass of Pimms. Bring your own picnic, plus rugs and chairs and stay on afterwards for further fellowship.

Painting Party! Thank you to all who have volunteered to come and join the party. We'll be painting the churchyard railings on **Tuesday 19th August** - meeting at 10am (weather permitting!) There is still time to join if you'd like to - just email or speak to Lindsey.

Prayer diaries for mid July to November 2025 are now available at the back of Church

Rob's Ordination - Sunday 28th September (time to be confirmed)

Come and celebrate with Rob as he is ordained Deacon in Worcester Cathedral!

The service will be in the afternoon or early evening but the time is yet to be confirmed. Do please continue to keep Rob and Julia in your prayers as he continues with his training and formation.

Zoom Services We will be taking our summer break from Midweek Zoom, resuming 1st Sept

Sunday 8.00am services – A reminder that there will be no 8.00am services during August.



AUTUMN FAYRE

Saturday 20th September 11- 3pm
DONATIONS APPEAL

Bottles - We are gratefully accepting any 'bottle' donations for our Bottle Tombola. We will gladly accept ANY bottles: Alcohol, Toiletries.. Anything in a bottle!



Chocolate & Sweets - We hope to continue this Tombola's success, so gratefully accepting ANY donations of Chocolates or Sweets.



Teddies - New or Nearly New.

You will find boxes to leave any donations in the Tower room. Thank you!

New/ Unused Gifts - If anyone has any New or Unwanted/Unused gifts (not books) you can leave any donations on the back pews.

Volunteers: If you are not already involved and would like to be, even for a short time, any help is very welcome!! We are also seeking helpers who could cover a 30mins slot to supervise the **Bouncy Castle**. Please speak to Michelle or Lindsey about any Fayre volunteering.

We could not run the Autumn Fayre without your amazing support and donations, so thank you! ALL church funds raised will go towards creating disabled toilets and baby change facilities within the church.

ALL Sticky Fingers's funds raised will go towards revamping their Sensory Garden.