Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

Visit our website www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk for information about services and forthcoming events

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

Sunday 28th September 2025

Trinity 15

Opening Hymn: **301** Immortal, invisible Readings: Amos 6.1a, 4-7 Nigel Wake

I Timothy 6.6-19 Geoff Hill

Gradual Hymn: 386 Lord of all hopefulness

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

Sermon

Intercessions: Paul Kennett

To the bidding: Lord in your mercy Please respond: **Hear our Prayer**

Offertory Hymn: 800 When I needed a neighbour

Communion Hymns:

557 O thou who camest from above **556** O thou, who at my Eucharist

Final Hymn: 21 All my hope on God is founded

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.**

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**

GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

6th October - Board Games

20th October - Fiona Whitehead Armchair Yoga

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 is administered by a charity, better for givers, and better for the church. There are booklets at the back of Church or speak to Richard Hemmings or go to the Parish Giving Website: www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk

Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am Morning Prayer Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Next Sunday – Trinity 16

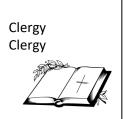
8.00am - Holy Communion

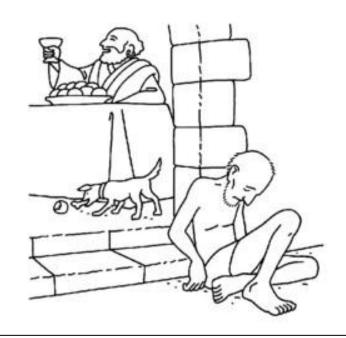
Readings: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Gospel: Luke 17.5-10 Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Connect Service





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).

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

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Rob's Ordination – This Evening at 6.30pm (Sunday 28th September)

Come and celebrate with Rob as he is ordained Deacon in Worcester Cathedral! The service will begin at 6.30pm. Do please continue to keep Rob and Julia in your prayers

as he continues with his training and formation.

Bishop's Certificate Course

Margaret is looking forward to running another Bishop's Certificate course this Autumn on Monday evenings - Starting 29th September. Do please speak to Margaret (or anyone who has completed the course) if you're interested in attending.

In-Person Diocesan Safeguarding Training

The following Diocesan safeguarding training sessions are available at St Philip and St James Church, Hallow, WR2 6PW.

Thursday 2nd October 10.00 -11.45 - Basic Awareness Course

Thursday 2nd October 12.45 -3.00 - Foundation Course

Friday 3rd October 1.00-3.00 - Domestic Abuse Please email Casey Gallagher in the Diocesan Safeguarding Team if you'd like to attend. Email: cgallagher@cofe-worcester.org.uk

For our **Current Shopping List**.

Listed below are some Items needed: TINNED MEAT, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG LIFE MILK, MIXED HERBS, COOKING OIL, INSTANT COFFEE, TEA BAGS, TOILET ROLLS, TAMPONS & SOAP

For the full shopping list please visit; www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

APPEAL: WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF EMPTY EGG BOXES AND URGENTLY NEED DONATIONS OF THOSE THAT CAN HOLD 6 EGGS.

There is a Foodbank collection box at the back of church for any donated items.

Foodbank - New! GIVE TODAY WEBSITE

Order the items we urgently need - these will then be delivered straight to our door $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$

https://www.givetoday.co.uk/worcesterfoodbank/

Thank you for your continued support.

Eco-Church – Season of Creation

Lets think prayerfully about one of the 5 Marks of Mission:

"To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"

UNWANTED SPECTACLES

The Rotary Club of Worcester is collecting unwanted spectacles for Africa. Please leave any on the back pews. Nigel Wake will collect.



AUTUMN FAYRE - THANK YOU



A massive **THANK YOU** to all those who helped the Fayre happen last Saturday!

Thank you to all the volunteers who ran a stall, who helped set up and put away, who donated a Raffle Prize or donated Bottles, Chocolate/ Sweets, Teddies or New unused gifts, to those that made cakes or produce to sell, and thank you those who do the many other jobs that make the fayre happen! We could not run a Fayre without your amazing support!

<u>ALL</u> funds raised will go towards creating toilets for the disabled and baby change facilities within the church.

Sticky Fingers funds raised will go towards revamping their sensory garden.

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

Donated Fabric

There is a large unused bag of fabric that was donated for the August Connect Service in the Tower Room.

Please speak to Robyn if you'd like it returned to you or are happy for it to be put to good use. Thank you.