

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 19th October 2025

Opening Hymn: **684** Tell out my soul

Readings: Genesis 32.22-31 Ruth Scotson
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5 Linda Dunmore

Gradual Hymn: **633** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Gospel: Luke 18.1-8

Sermon

Intercessions: Lucy Lewis

To the bidding: Lord in your mercy

Please respond: **Hear our Prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **217** God is working his purpose out

Communion Hymns:

54 As the deer pants

189 Give Thanks

Final Hymn: **113** Christ Triumphant



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.**



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).

GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

20th October - Fiona Whitehead Armchair Yoga
3rd November - Discover History with Paul and Helen Harding 'Worcestershire Connections to Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot'
17th November - Easy Christmas Craft activity
1st December - Christmas Party



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)

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

Trinity 18

Next Sunday – Last after Trinity

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Chronicles 29.6-19 Clergy
Ephesians 2.19-22 Clergy

Gospel: John 2.13-22

Intercessions: Clergy

8.00am – Family Service

Readings: 1 Chronicles 29.6-19 Geoff Hill
Ephesians 2.19-22 Meriel Orton

Gospel: John 2.13-22

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow



The unjust
judge



"And will not
God grant justice
to his chosen ones
who cry to him
day & night?"

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**

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

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Entrance into Church – West Door

Please note that access into church for services will be via the **West Door** with the new ramp for the next few weeks while the works to the South Porch are undertaken.

Bishop's Certificate Course - Update

The Bishop's Certificate Course is being postponed until after Christmas but please get in touch or speak with Margaret Mandrell if you are interested. Thank you.

Eco-Church – Season of Creation

Protect hedgehogs and other wildlife by storing mesh and netting in a shed, as they can become entangled in discarded netting whether plastic or natural fibres. Storing securely also helps to make the netting last longer, saving money and the environment.



For our Current Shopping List.

Listed below are the Items most needed:

CEREAL, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED SPONGE PUDDING, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED MEAT AND FISH, INSTANT MASH, LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE, MILK (UHT OR POWDERED), BISCUITS OR SNACK BARS, RICE/PASTA, PASTA SAUCES, SOUP, JAM, TEA BAGS, INSTANT COFFEE

For the full shopping list please visit;

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

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

GIVE TODAY WEBSITE

Your support continues to make a vital difference to thousands of people who cannot afford the essentials. If you're keen to donate food and join the fight against hunger, why not try the Give Today website - Order the items we urgently need - these will then be delivered straight to our door

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

Thank you for your continued support of people in crisis.

Harvest Cake Sale – Thank you

Thank you to all who baked such lovely cakes and crumbles, and to all who so generously donated to the Christian Aid Harvest appeal. A wonderful **£440** has been raised! Margaret Mandrell.

Service for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Sunday 2nd November at 6.30pm.

All are welcome to attend this quiet, reflective service where the names of loved ones will read aloud.

There is a list at the back of church for you to add names to. Please write in capitals so that we can be sure of spelling and pronunciation.

Alternatively, names may be emailed to Michelle.

UNWANTED SPECTACLES – Update & Thank you from the Rotary Club of Worcester.

Following our Call to all our supporters to donate unwanted Spectacles to raise money for Vision Aid Overseas, we would like thank Nigel Wake and all the members of St. Stephens congregation who donated **89** pairs of spectacles, in addition to what was donated before towards Our Yearly spectacles' collection .

Total number of spectacles from St. Stephen's Parishioners, so far is: **169** pairs

The spectacles donated will be sent to the Worcester Lions Club who will be , with the help of Lions round the country, refurbish them then donate them to different settings.

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.

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