

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 30th November 2025

Opening Hymn: 479 Make way, make way, for Christ...

Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5 Joint Service

Romans 13.11-14 Joint Service

Gradual Hymn: 133 Come thou long expected Jesus

Gospel: Matthew 24.36-44

Sermon

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes

To the bidding: Maranatha.

Please respond: **Come Lord Jesus.**

Offertory Hymn: **373** Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Communion Hymns: **16** All for Jesus

253 Gather us in

308 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Final Hymn: Longing for light (words on separate sheet)

Advent 1

Next Sunday – Advent 2

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10 Clergy

Romans 15.4-13 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am – Connect Service



1st Sunday of Advent



So you also must be ready,
because the Son of Man will come at an hour
when you do not expect him."

Matthew 24.36-44

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.**



Open Church

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm



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 9.00-9.30 in the Bishop Allenby Hall (next to church)



A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church The Parish Giving Scheme is administered by a charity. There are booklets at the back of Church. You can speak to Richard Hemmings or go: 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

Prayers for Those in Continued Need: Barbara Hellicar, Alex and David New and Adrina and Alan Price.

GOOD COMPANIONS Meet in church at 2.30pm

1st December - Christmas Lunch/Party:

1pm for lunch, 2pm for music by Five for Silver.



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).



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) ★

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.

Are you looking to join a day-time Home Group?

We meet every Friday from 2-4pm (term time only) in the Northwick area and would love you to join us for fellowship and study of scripture together. Please speak to Lindsey if you're interested.

Team Advent Study

This year we'll be studying 'Journeying with the Magi' An Advent Course in the Celtic Tradition by Keith Duke. The sessions will run for five weeks beginning on Tuesday 25th November from 7.00-8.30pm and will be hosted at St Stephen's with shared leadership. No need to book, just turn up.

Eco-Church

As Christmas approaches please avoid glitter and tinsel and try to choose cards and paper which can be recycled.

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal

This year we'll be supporting The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal. Please see the link/website below which includes toy gift ideas (new and unwrapped so that they can be allocated accordingly). A copy of this will also be in church for you to view.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal>



MAGGS Anniversary Christmas Appeal

This year we will be supporting MAGGS 40th Anniversary Christmas Appeal. Please see the website below for their donation wish list. A copy of this will also be in church for you to view. <https://www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Donation-Wishlist.png>



Sustainable Church Flowers Demonstration.

Wednesday 10th December 2.30-4.00pm at St Georges Church.

With Kate of Camomile & Cornflowers, Shelsley Beauchamp. Please book your place by emailing: callen1@post.com
Donation towards costs are welcomed. (Kate is an ambassador for Sustainable Church Flowers: <https://suschurchflowers.com/>)



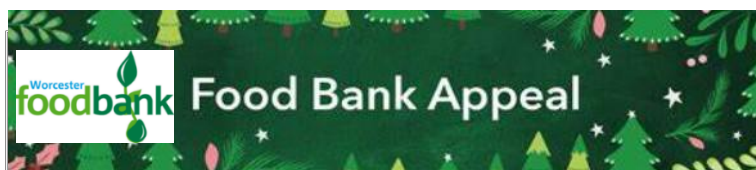
Would you like to host the Holy Family?

This year our Posada (the journeying Holy Family) will be blessed and sent out on Sunday 30th November, the first Sunday in Advent. If you'd like to host them for a night, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. They'll return to church on Christmas Eve during the Crib Service and be placed in the altar stable.

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

We would like thank Nigel Wake and all the members of St. Stephens congregation who have so far donated, a total number of: **169** pairs of spectacles for Vision Aid Overseas.

New prayer diaries are now available to collect from the back of Church.



Our Christmas Shopping List.

CHRISTMAS CAKE, MINCE PIES, STUFFING, TUBS OF CHOCOLATE, PICKLED ONIONS, BRANSTON PICKLE, CRANBERRY SAUCE, BOXES OF CHOCOLATE, CREAM CRACKERS, CHRISTMAS PUDDING (NO ALCOHOL)

For the full shopping list(s) 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

Order the items we urgently need - Delivered straight to our door!

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

Thank you for your continued support.