

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 4th January 2026

Epiphany

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.1-12
Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12
Intercessions: Clergy
10.00am - Connect Service



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



GOOD COMPANIONS Meet in church at 2.30pm

20th January - AGM with Rev Lindsey (Story or Quiz)
(Book early for tickets to WODS Musical Matinee show on Saturday 3rd May 'Dirty Rotten Scoundrels' £20)



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 first 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 controlled by various Dioceses. The scheme is a win-win situation - better for givers, and better for the church. There are booklets at the back of Church. If you want to know more, speak to Richard Hemmings, or look at PGS's 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

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

Next Sunday – Baptism of Christ

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9
Acts 10.34-43

Colin Magee
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Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell



10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 42.1-9

Acts 10.34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

Intercessions: Lucy Lewis

Phillipa Boulter
Vivien Greenow

Matthew 2.1-12



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 – Update.

Works are now completed and we have now resumed entry into church from the **SOUTH PORCH**. Thank you for your patience while the works were completed.

Christmas Campaign QR Code

You may have noticed there are QR Codes situated on the end of each pew with details of our Christmas Campaign. It is hoped that this will generate donations from some of our occasional visitors towards the next phase of Compassionate Church - the installation of some new accessible toilets in the Tower Room.

The Giving Envelopes are still available at the back of church for those who give to church regularly in this way.

Please speak to Lindsey if you're interested.

Worcester Festival Choral Society

Currently have places available for TENOR and BASS singers from Monday 5th January, 7.30pm, when we will start rehearsals for Mendelssohn's mighty masterwork 'Elijah'.

If you think you might be interested in joining, please email our Membership Secretary <https://www.wfcs.online/pg/contact/5>

Or to download a PDF application:

https://www.wfcs.online/upldir/files/68a4bc1f4362a_WFCS%20Chorus%20Member%20application%20form%202025-6.pdf

Our Shopping List:

TINNED MEAT, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, MIXED HERBS, COOKING OIL, INSTANT COFFEE, TEA BAGS, TOILET ROLLS, TAMPONS AND SOAP.

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.

Foodbank – 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.

On **Sunday 18th January** we will host Bishop Godfrey from the Diocese of Morogoro and will hear him preach. We'll also be hosting a bring and share lunch in the Bishop Allenby Hall after the service for Bishop Godfrey to be able to get to know us, and we him. More details to follow.

Date for your Diary The Service of Welcome and Installation for Bishop Hugh will take place on Saturday **17th January at 2pm in the Cathedral**. All are welcome.

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

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.

A Joyful Beginning

*The brightness of sun on frosty lawn,
Lightens the dark of winter's long yawn;
Epiphany's gifts came with three Kings,
From grateful hearts, our thanks we sing.
Inspired by frankincense, myrrh and gold,
Help with healing for use and to hold.*

*Parents and others, carefully plan
Activities for a new time span;
Seasonal bills begin to mount,
Holidays booked while offers count.
As winter cosiness begins to pall -
A joyful beginning opens to all.*

Teresa Charman

