

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

Visit our website [www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

## 8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 Clergy  
Hebrews 2.14-18 Clergy

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Intercessions: Clergy

## 10.00am - Connect Service

Shine on me  
The Spirit Lives to Set Us Free  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
Christ, be our light!



Epiphany 4 / Candlemas

## Next Sunday – 2 before Lent

### 8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.3  
Romans 8.18-25

Colin Magee  
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Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34

Intercessions: Clergy

## 10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.3  
Romans 8.18-25

Paul Kennett  
Nigel Wake

Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34

Intercessions: Philippa Boulter



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** - Margaret Mandrell's illustrated talk about a trip to New Zealand.

(Book early for *Evita* on Saturday 25th April at 2:30pm £22)



## JUNIOR STARS



New Sunday School on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month during the 10am service. Ages 4-11.

• Bible Stories • Craft • Music • Prayer •

## 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](http://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, Joyce Pringle, Rosie Goddard, Alex and David New and Adriana and Alan Price.

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God saying, "Lord you are dismissing your servant in peace, for my own eyes have seen your salvation"

Luke 2.22-40



## Open Church

**Thursdays** 10.30am - 12.30pm

**Saturdays** 10.30am - 12.30pm



## Praying Together in Word & Silence

Regular prayer meetings are held on the

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com)

# THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

## Restoration of the South Porch Gates

George Cummings and Mike Harwood will be stripping down the South Entrance porch gates in readiness for a coat of paint on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 10am** and would welcome a couple of extra pairs of hands. Please do speak to them or email Michelle if you're able to help.

## Campaign QR Code

You may have noticed there are QR Codes situated on the end of each pew with details of our 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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.**

## St Mark's Church – Morogoro

Following on from our conversations with Bishop Godfrey it would be wonderful to form a group who could lead on this partnership to grow and develop our links with St Marks. If you're interested in being part of this group or are interested in visiting next year, please speak to Revd. Lindsey.

Thanks to Kevin, there is also a display at the back of church with some general information, demographics, and images of Rev Pendo and her team. Do please take a look while you enjoy a coffee after the service.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### **Rob Holdsworth's Ordination as Priest**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm at Worcester Cathedral.** All are very welcome.

## Thank You.

We hosted Bishop Godfrey from the Diocese of Morogoro on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you to all those who attended the service and all those who brought food to share for the bring and share lunch in the Bishop Allenby Hall afterwards. It was great for Bishop Godfrey to get to know us and share in this with us, it was a very lovely event enjoyed by all.

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

## Eco church – Empty Tubs

If you have any empty plastic sweet or biscuit tubs, they can be taken to any Green King pub. The nearest one to St Stephen's is the Talbot in Barbourne. If you can't get there, please bring them to Church before the end of January.