

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 22nd February 2026

Lent 1

Opening Hymn: **59** At the name of Jesus

Readings: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Colin Magee
Romans 5.12-19 Geoff Hill

Gradual Hymn: **152** Eternal Father, strong to save

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Sermon

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow

To the bidding: Lord, in your mercy

Please respond: **Hear our Prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **351** Lead us heavenly father Lead us

Communion Hymns:

143 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

285 Here I am, Lord

Final Hymn: **185** Forty Day and Forty Nights



Next Sunday – Lent 2

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a Clergy
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 Clergy

Gospel: John 3.1-17

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am – Connect Service



“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.”

Matthew 4.1-11

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.**

GOOD COMPANIONS Meet in church at 2.30pm

16 February - Malvern Priory and Cream Tea at Lyttleton Well – Minibus Trip £12.

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



JUNIOR STARS New Sunday School on the 4th Sunday of each month during the 10am service. Ages 4-11.

• Bible Stories • Craft • Music • Prayer • 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



Church Services this coming week.

Wednesday	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday
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 and Adrina and Alan Price.

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**

Open Church

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm



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

Lent Group 2026 'Who is the Christ?' exploring 6 different aspects of the character of Jesus.

Tuesdays at 7pm in St Georges Church – beginning 24th Feb. **Wednesdays at 2.30pm in Claines Church** – beginning 25th Feb.

No need to book, just turn up.

Lenten Prayer Walks 2026 (whatever the weather) Mondays in Lent from 9.15 – 10.00am

beginning 23rd February. Meeting at Waterworks Road Carpark WR1 3EZ just behind Kynd Folk. All are welcome, just turn up.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March - 2pm.

Join us for an Ecumenical Service at St George's Church, Barbourne with liturgy developed and provided by the women of Nigeria.

Window Displays Huge thanks to Chris Allen who suggested that as we don't have any flowers in church during Lent, we could display information about the charities we supported financially last year and this. What a fabulous idea! Thanks also to Andy Kendall who kindly designed and produced the boards. Do take a look at the displays if you haven't already done so.

Table-Top Sale – Fundraiser (Save the Date) Saturday 14th March, 10.00am -12.00pm.

Please support our tabletop sale to raise funds for our accessible toilets in church campaign.

To be held in the BA Hall.

Donations of suitable items will be welcome.

There will be refreshments including cake, tea and coffee available. Thank you.

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.

'Your incredible support helped us feed 15,201 people last year - with around 1 in 3 of these being children (5,172). Thank you to everyone who has donated food, money or their time to combat hunger in our city.'

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 27th June at 2.00pm Worcester Cathedral. All welcome.

Easter Needle Felting Workshop at St Stephen's

Care Home. We are hosting a needle felting workshop for beginners here at St Stephen's Care Home, in the Blossom Room - **Thursday 19th March 10.30am - 1.30pm.** £15 donation with refreshments included. For more information or to book ActivitySTS@goldcarehomes.com

Eco-Church We now have 2 bird boxes and 2 bat boxes in the churchyard. These were kindly put up by Ian Barrett on a cold wet morning last week. Have you spotted them yet?

Fabulous February!

*Fabulous February – herald of spring hope;
Bringer of delight, pond life and hare's lope.*

*Fresh greens restore hope and vitality,
Longer light brightens mental acuity.*

*Valentine cards with red roses in shops,
Budding spring growth in nature's plots.*

Blackbirds and robins sing loudly their song

To background of others waking at dawn.

Birds build their nests in hedges and trees;

Gardeners flex muscles and try out their knees.

Pancakes remind us be shriven for Lent,

More than giving up chocolate is Christian meant.

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