

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Lent 2**

## **8.00am – Holy Communion**

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3.1-17

Intercessions: Clergy

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## **10.00am - Connect Service**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Father, I place into Your hands

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

I Am a New Creation



## **Next Sunday – Lent 3**

### **8.00am – Holy Communion**

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

Gospel: John 4.5-42

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

### **10.00am – Family Service**

Readings: Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

Gospel: John 4.5-42

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes

Diana Fulbrook

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Bev Cox

Geoff Hill



## **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> March** - Talk by Ray Sturdy 'Malvern Memories'

**16<sup>th</sup> March** - A quiz by Shirley Compton; maybe followed by a board game. **6<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Monday - No meeting.



**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 • Prayer



## **A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church**

The Parish Giving Scheme is administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses, better for givers, better for the church. 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 and Adrina and Alan Price.



Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said "How can these things be?" ...

John 3.1-17

## **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](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

**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 6<sup>th</sup> March - 2pm.**

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

**Table-Top Sale – Fundraiser (Save the Date) Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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?

**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.

**PLEASE SEE FURTHER NOTICES ON THE ADDITIONAL PAGE / OVERLEAF.**

## **Electoral Roll** -

Under Church Representation Rules the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised each year before the APCM. The revision for 2026 will take place before the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2026.

The revised Roll will then come into force for the APCM on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Anybody who wishes to be a candidate or to vote for Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members to represent this Congregation and Parish must be on the Electoral Roll.

As this is a revision, new application forms need only be filled in if members have changed name, address or contact details in the last 2 years, or if members of the congregation wish to join the Electoral Roll having joined our Church. Forms are available at the back of Church along with a box for completed forms.

Please see Paul Kennett for further details if necessary.

**The Science and Faith Worcester group invite you to join them on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March for "A drop in the ocean."**

A video presentation by Rev. Dr. David Gregory, followed by discussion. In the first of a short series of videos exploring the wonder of God's creation and global warming's effect, David looks at the impact on the ocean and our coastline, and brings a Christian perspective.

Doors open at 7.30pm for coffee and cake, and the talk will begin at 8pm. We meet in the hall at Worcester Baptist Church, Sansome Walk, Worcester WR1 1LN. Please visit:

[www.scienceandfaithworcester.org](http://www.scienceandfaithworcester.org)

## **Philomusica Chorus - Concert**

A concert at St. Stephen's church on: **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm**

*Duruflé: Requiem - Vierne: Messe Solennelle - Fauré: Cantique de Jean Racine*

Tickets £10 available on the door.

**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.

**Good Companions Coach Trips in Summer**  
**15<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday** – Market Day in Ludlow, coach trip with 'Are we there yet'. £10 deposit plus £10 on day. Pick up in Barbourne.  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – Shrewsbury, coach trip with 'Are we there yet'. £10 deposit plus £22 on day. River cruise with refreshments. Pick up in Barbourne.

**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. Please speak to Lindsey if you're interested.

**Campaign QR Code** The QR Codes on the end of each pew give details of our current Campaign. It is hoped that this will generate donations from occasional visitors towards the next phase of Compassionate Church - the installation of new accessible toilets in the Tower Room. The Giving Envelopes are still available at the back of church for those who give this way. 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.

**'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.'**

**Harriet Amos & Friends Presents:  
 'A Little Voice'**

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm - St Stephen's Church**

A concert featuring songs from musicals over the ages. From The Wizard of Oz to Frank Sinatra, there will be something everyone! The concert is a fundraising event and every ticket sold will be donated (in full) to the Emergency Gynaecology Assessment Unit & Endometriosis services at WRH, where local women and girls experiencing severe pelvic pain are cared for. Every ticket sold will help the team continue their incredible work. We have helped raise over £4k with our previous concerts and with your help and generosity in attending, we would love to match that. Please join Hattie and her very talented friends for a fun evening of music and singing, and a glass of something in the interval.

**Easter Needle Felting Workshop at St Stephen's Care Home** In the Blossom Room - **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am - 1.30pm.** £15 donation with refreshments included. For more information or to book [ActivitySTS@goldcarehomes.com](mailto:ActivitySTS@goldcarehomes.com)

**Prayer diaries**

Prayer Diaries are now available to collect from the back of Church.

**St Stephen's  
 Holy Week and Easter Services 2026**



<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Joint Parish Communion at St George's Barbourne Church - with a re-telling of the Easter Story
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	7.30pm	"Stations of the Cross" - devotions around Jesus' last hours before his death
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30pm	Holy Communion - with commemoration of the Last Supper, followed by Vigil
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.20am 9.45am 10.15am 10.40am 11.40am	Ecumenical Walk of Witness with Stations of the Cross  United Reformed Church Albany Terrace St George's Church, Barbourne Ombersley Road Methodist Church St Stephen's Church St John Baptist Church, Claines
	2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy at St Stephen's
<b>EASTER DAY</b> Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Communion - for all the family