

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 15th March 2026

Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

Opening Hymn: **45** Angel voices ever singing
Readings: 1 Samuel 1.20-28 Colin Magee
Colossians 3.12-17 Pat Kendall
Gradual Hymn: **512** Now thank we all our God
Gospel: John 19.25b-27
Sermon
Intercessions: Philippa Boulter
To the bidding: Love of God
Please respond: **Hear our prayers**
Offertory Hymn: **659** Sing we of the blessed mother
Communion Hymns: **51** As we come before you now
805 When morning gilds the skies
Final Hymn: **177** For the beauty of the earth



Next Sunday – Lent 5

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 Rachel Kevern
Romans 8.6-11 Rachel Kevern

Gospel: John 11.1-45
Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell

10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 Paul Kennett
Romans 8.6-11 Nigel Wake

Gospel: John 11.1-45
Intercessions: Vivien Greenow



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 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**

GOOD COMPANIONS Meet in church at 2.30pm

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



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 controlled by various Dioceses. There are booklets at the back of Church. You can speak to Richard Hemmings or go to 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.



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

Palm Sunday Service 29th March 10.30am at St. Georges, Barbourne.

This Palm Sunday we'll be joining in worship with our neighbours from Claines & St Georges. The service will begin outside St Stephens at 10.15am with the reading of the Palm Gospel and we'll then process down to St Georges with our palm leaves and crosses. For those with limited mobility, please make your way directly to St. Georges Church for a 10.30am start.

Catherine Redford will be launching her Forward-nominated poetry collection 'The Way the Water Held Me' with a reading at The Hive on **Saturday 21 March, 6.30-8.00pm**. All are welcome! Tickets are free and can be booked at <https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/LibraryEvents/>

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

A video presentation by Rev. Dr. David Gregory, followed by discussion. 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. www.scienceandfaithworcester.org

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.

Easter Services - Just a reminder that there will be no service at St Stephens on Holy Saturday (4th April). Please could I encourage you to attend (instead) the service at Worcester Cathedral at 8pm to support our confirmation candidates, Gill and Ruby, and do please remember them both in your prayers.

For the full shopping list(s) please visit:

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk There is  a Foodbank collection box at the back of church.

Don't Forget – Margret's Table Top Sale - This Saturday 11th March 10-12! Raising funds towards new accessible Toilets in church.

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 1st of May 2026. The revised Roll will then come into force for the APCM on 17th 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 any questions.

Easter Needle Felting Workshop 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

Harriet Amos & Friends Presents: 'A Little Voice' - Sat 28th March 7.30pm - St Stephen's

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.

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.

Lent Group 2026

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.