

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

Opening Hymn: **322** Jesus Christ is risen today

Readings: Jeremiah 31.1-6 Linda Dunmore
Acts 10.34-43 Kevin Maltby

Gradual Hymn: **735** This joyful Eastertide

Gospel: Matthew 21.1-11

Sermon

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard

To the bidding: Life-giving God

Please respond: **transform our lives**



Offertory Hymn: **690** The day of resurrection

Communion Hymns: **32** Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks

513 Now the green blade riseth

20 All heaven declares

Final Hymn: **728** Thine be the glory

Next Sunday – Easter 2

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Rachel Kevern
1 Peter 1.3-9 Rachel Kevern

Gospel: John 20.19-31

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell

10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Acts 2.14a, 22-32 Vivien Greenow
1 Peter 1.3-9 Linda Trow-Poole

Gospel: John 20.19-31

Intercessions: Paul Kennett



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

6th April - Easter Monday - **No meeting.**

13th April Monday - Lunch out using shared cars. Royal Oak



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:

www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk

Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

We will be taking our Easter break from Midweek Zoom and will resume again on Monday 13th April.

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

Easter Flowers. As in recent years if you would like to donate a vase of sustainable Spring Flowers for the Easter display, Barbara will be in Church **Saturday 4th April** 10.30am -12.00pm.

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.

Songs for a Spring Evening - Worcester Mothers' Union Concert for 150th Appeal

The concert takes place on **Saturday 18th April at 7pm**, in Malvern. The church is a lovely welcoming venue, with toilet facilities and interval refreshments provided by the church for a donation. Tickets: £10 for adults, £5 for children 11-16 and under 10s are free. To book: Rachel: communications@worcestermu.org.uk or phone/SMS 07850 917908.

Church Clean – A Massive **Thank You** to all those that came on Monday to help clean the church in readiness for Easter. It is greatly appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE! Rob Holdsworth's Ordination as Priest **Saturday 27th June at 2.00pm at Worcester Cathedral.** All are very welcome.

Our current Shopping list:

TINNED MEAT, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, LONG-LIFE, FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, CEREAL, SAUCE PACKETS, INSTANT MASH, MIXED, HERBS, POWDERED MILK, COOKING OIL, COFFEE, TEA BAGS, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, SHOWER GEL, MENDES DEODORANT, TAMPONS, NAPPIES SIZE 6&7.



The Foodbank are particularly short of:

CUSTARD, TINNED FRUIT & RICE PUDDING

For Full List visit: www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

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.

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.

New prayer diaries for March – July are now available to collect from the back of Church.

Good Companions Coach Trips in Summer

15th July Wednesday – Market Day in Ludlow, coach trip with 'Are we there yet'. £10 deposit plus £10 on day. Pick up in Barbourne.

Wednesday 26th August – Shrewsbury, coach trip with 'Are we there yet'.

£10 deposit plus £22 on day. River cruise with refreshments. Pick up in Barbourne.

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.