

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 10th May 2026

Easter 6

Opening Hymn: **602** Praise my soul the Kind of heaven

Readings: Acts 17.22-31 Philippa Boulter
1 Peter 3.13-22 Linda Dunmore

Gradual Hymn: **37** Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Gospel: John 14.15-21

Sermon

Intercessions: Paul Kennett

To the bidding: Lord in your mercy
Please respond: **Hear our prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **548** O praise our great and gracious Lord

Communion Hymns: **125** Come down O Love Divine

42 An Upper Room

71 Be Still and Know

Final Hymn: **15** All Creatures of our God and Kind



Next Sunday – Easter 7

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 1.6-14 Diana Fulbrook
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Diana Fulbrook

Gospel: John 17.1-11

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

10.00am – Family Service

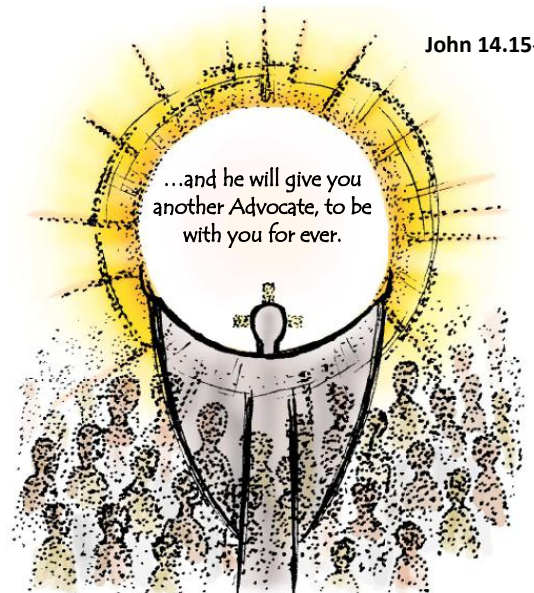
Readings: Acts 1.6-14 Geoff Hill
1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 Kevin Maltby

Gospel: John 17.1-11

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard



John 14.15-21



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

(Tuesday) 12th May - Minibus trip to Gloucester - £12
18 May - Mike Halliday Musical Entertainment



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

APCM - Our APCM will take place this year on **Sunday 17th May at 11.30am in church** following the 10.00am service. Do please make every effort to stay on for this.

Questions are welcome and where possible, please can they be submitted beforehand so we are able to answer them fully and with proper consideration.

There are **4 vacancies for PCC** (3 for 3 year and 1 for 2 year) and also **3 vacancies for Deanery Synod** (all 3 year).

If you are interested or have any questions, please have a conversation with either William Harwood, Ruth Scotson or Kevin Maltby.

Nomination forms can be found at the back of church. **Completed forms can be given to the above (or clergy) to be left in the vestry.**

PCC Treasurer

We are in need of a new Church Treasurer.

If you have accountancy skills that are currently hidden under a bushel and feel this is something you could offer – please do speak to Michelle, Will, Ruth or Kevin.

Revd. Lindsey on Sabbatical Revd. Lindsey will be away on sabbatical from Monday 27th April to Sunday 9th August. In her absence please contact Michelle Walsh, our Parish Administrator at: mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com or on 07961 097497 who will direct your enquiry accordingly.

From our current Shopping list:

TINNED MEAT, FISH, FRUIT, LONG-LIFE, FRUIT JUICE & MILK, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, CEREAL, SAUCE PACKETS, INSTANT MASH, MIXED, HERBS, POWDERED MILK, OIL, COFFEE, TEA BAGS, SOAP, DEODORANT TOOTHPASTE, SHOWER GEL, , TAMPONS & NAPPIES (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. Thank you to everyone who donated food, money or their time to combat hunger in our city.

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

Annual Report & Financial Statement

The Annual Report and Financial Statement will now have been emailed out to the congregation in readiness for this year's APCM on 17th May. Please make every effort to read the reports, and electronically if you can.

Only a very limited number of 'printed' copies are available in church. As an (Silver award) Eco-Church we remain mindful of our impact on the environment. We kindly ask you please only take a paper copy if you need to. Thank you.

Cake Sale for Christian Aid – Sunday 10th May

Christian Aid week runs from 10th-16th May this year. Margaret will be holding a cake sale in support of Christian Aid this Sunday after 10.00 service. Please support Margaret & Christian Aid by staying after the service and buying cake! She would be delighted to receive any of your delightful baked contributions for this occasion.

New prayer diaries for March – July are now available at the back of Church.

Poetry Reading – During Open Church

Prov. start date: **Sat 16th May.** Speaking Allowed! 10.45 -12.15 Contact: t.charman1@btinternet.com

Ascension Day Joint Service

Thursday 14th May. All Saints Church. 7.00pm

A joint service of Holy Communion for Ascension Day is being held on behalf of the Worcester Deanery at 7.00pm on Thursday, May 14th at All Saints Church, Worcester.

At the **Cathedral** there will be a Sung Eucharist (with incense) at **5.30pm.** (Thursday 14th May).

'Open the Book' – Help needed.

The 'Open the Book' team go into local Primary Schools to enact child-friendly Bible stories – in the next few weeks we will be in Northwick Manor and Tudor Grange, Perdiswell to present 'Pentecost.'

We could do with a few more people to join in, so if you think you might enjoy this 'scattering of seed' please have a word with Kevin.

