

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 24th May 2026**

**Pentecost**

Opening Hymn: **684** Tell out my soul

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 David Anwyl-Hughes  
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 Vivien Greenow

Gradual Hymn: **677** (to the tune of 185) Take my life

Gospel: John 7.37-39

Sermon

Intercessions: Philippa Boulter

To the bidding: Lord the Spirit is with us

Please respond: **hear our prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **51** As we come before you now

Communion Hymns: **54** As the deer pants for the water

**53** As the deer longs for running stream

**666** Spirit of the living God

Final Hymn: **651** Sing of Christ, proclaim his glory



**Next Sunday – Trinity Sunday**

**8.00am – Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31 Rachel Kevern  
2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Rachel Kevern

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

Intercessions: Clergy

**10.30am – JOINT SERVICE AT CLAINES**



**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

1<sup>st</sup> June - Show and Tell bring your most intriguing item

15<sup>th</sup> June - Mandy Harding, Musician Saxophonist.



**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. 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**

We will be taking a Half-Term break from Midweek Zoom and will resume again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## **Geoff Kington Funeral Arrangements**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June St Stephens – 11.00am**

The funeral service will take place at St Stephen's on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. The service will be followed by refreshments at **The Crown and Sandys**, Ombersley and all are very welcome to join the family afterwards.

## **Joint Service at Claines Church**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am**

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May will be celebrating at **Claines Church.**

Please note, the service will begin at **10.30am.**

If anyone wishing to attend has problems getting there, please speak to Ruth or Kevin.

There will be no 10.00am service at St Stephens but the 8.00am service will go ahead as normal.

Thank you.

## **Poetry Readings – During Open Church**

**Speaking Allowed!** The next date and time will be: **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10.45am – 12.15pm.**

For more information, please contact:

[t.charman1@btinternet.com](mailto:t.charman1@btinternet.com)

## **Midweek Zoom – Half Term Break**

We will be taking a Half-Term break from Midweek Zoom and will resume again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## **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 - Privacy**

Revd Lindsey is now on sabbatical and would be most grateful if people did not try to contact her until she returns in August.

The sabbatical allows time for reflection and prayer away from the parish and we will be of most help to her in this by respecting her privacy. Thank you.

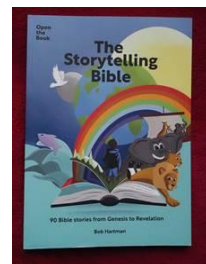
## **Are you looking to join a day-time Home**

**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 Colin Magee or Rob Holdsworth if you're interested.

## **'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.



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

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Rob Holdsworth's Ordination as Priest

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)

## **Foodbank – GIVE TODAY WEBSITE**

Order the items we urgently need - these will then be delivered straight to our door 😊

<https://www.givetoday.co.uk/worcesterfoodbank/>

**Your incredible support helped us feed 15,201 people last year - with around 1 in 3 of these being children (5,172).**