

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 12th July 2026

Trinity 6

Opening Hymn: **177** For the beauty of the earth

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13 Pat Kendall
Romans 8.1-1 Ruth Scotson

Gradual Hymn: **75** Be thou by vision

Gospel: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Intercessions: Philippa Boulter

To the bidding: Lord in your mercy

Please respond: **hear our prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **302** In bread we bring to you

Communion Hymns: **663** Soul of my Saviour

283 I saw the grass

73 Be Still by Soul

Final Hymn: **37** Alleluia



Next Sunday – Trinity 7

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 44.6-8 Clergy
Romans 8.12-25 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 44.6-8 Viven Greenow
Romans 8.12-25 Lynda Nicolls

Gospel: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes



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.**

GOOD COMPANIONS Meet in church at 2.30pm

15th July Wednesday – Market Day in Ludlow Coach Trip
August - No Meetings (26th August - Shrewsbury Coach Trip. River cruise w/refreshments. £10 deposit, £22 on day.



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, 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



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.



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**

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).



Open Church

Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm



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

Quiet Day: Wednesday 19th August

At Pat and Andy's home.

Twenty of us enjoyed a really good 'quiet day' last year at Pat and Andy's home, and we're going to have another one there this year, with Rob leading. It's on **Wednesday 19th August**. Would you like to come?

There'll be opportunities for quiet (of course!), and for prayer, for walking and chatting, and for a focus on God's good creation and ourselves as part of it.

There's a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Eco-Church – Church Borders

Can you spare an occasional hour to help look after the borders around the church? If so, please have a word with Lynda or Chris after the service or ring Lynda on 07985 040229.

Poetry Readings – During Open Church

Speaking Allowed! The next date and time will be: **Saturday 11th July 10.45am – 12.15pm**

For more information, please contact:

t.charman1@btinternet.com

Tower/Toilets Project Update

Since the APCM, it has been good to hear of the congregation's support for the project. While we await the South Aisle Faculty so we can organise more detailed displays about what's involved, we thought it would be best to do a small update. We're working with our architect to define a 'Developed Design' to allow for formal quoting on the work. This is required before we can make any applications for funding from external agencies. Locally to date, we have raised £2139.98 via the QR code campaign and individual donations (thank you!!) and we're willing and able to accept direct donations in this way. Please email Michelle or the Church Wardens if there are any further questions and we will discuss these at the next PCC in July.

To our dearest friends at St Stephen's

Julia and I are so grateful to you all, for all your love and support over the last two years, and now for your great generosity in sending me so many cards and in giving me such a generous present as I start this new ministry at St Stephen's.

It was so encouraging to see so many smiling faces in the Cathedral on Saturday and in church on Sunday. I've had such a good set of teachers, especially in Lindsey and Ann and Julieann and Stephen, and I'll do my best to follow their good example in presiding well.

You are our family, and I want to be a good servant to you all. Rob.

Meriel's Strawberries and Wine – Event cancelled!



Unfortunately, due to the extreme hot weather, this event (due to take place this Sunday 12th July) had been **Cancelled**.

We will look to replace this an event with something similar in church in September.

TEA & COFFEE ROTA We have filled almost all of our slots to serve tea & coffee. However we need extra helpers for our joint service on 30th August and one extra helper for 18th October and 20th December. If you could help the team with one of these times, please could you let me know? Thanks, Ruth (ruth.scotson@gmail.com)

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



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