

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 30th August 2026

Trintiy 13

Opening Hymn: **608** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Readings: Ruth 2.1-13

1 Timothy 6.7-10, 17-19

Gradual Hymn: **729** This day God gives me

Gospel: Matthew 6.25-34

Sermon

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes

To the bidding: Lord in your mercy

Please respond: **Hear our prayer**

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

Communion Hymns: **633** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

730 This is my body broken for you

54 As the deer pants for the water

Final Hymn: **161** Father, Lord of all creation



Next Sunday – Trinity 14

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11

Clergy

Romans 13.8-14

Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am – Connect Service



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

August - No Meetings

Monday 7th September - We will be delving into Memory bags from the Hive.



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

We will be taking a break from Midweek Zoom over the summer holidays resuming on **Monday 7th September**

Prayers for Those in Continued Need:

Barbara Hellicar, Joyce Pringle, Rosie Goddard, Patricia Ash, Ann Dowsett 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 all**

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

Worcester Deanery Prayer Event Wednesday 16th September 6.30-8.00pm -St Martin's

(4 Holt Castle Barns, Holt, Worcester WR6 6NJ)

Theme: Praying Through Change.

Change touches all our lives, our churches and our communities. Some change involves loss; some creates burdens; some opens new possibilities. This evening provides space to bring all of that into prayer. All are welcome to attend. Do please join if you're able to.

Happy Birthday to Barbara Helicar!

101 on 30th August! Many Happy Returns. With much love from all at St Stephen's.



Retreat Day – Thanks Pat and I would just like to say what a wonderful day we had hosting the retreat. It was a privilege to be able to share our home and grounds with you all. It was everything we could have hoped for. The weather was perfect (no flying ants), the shared conversations, the quiet times, the fellowship and the worship were all joyful. A special thanks must go to Robert for all his work to make the day such a success. Andy & Pat.

Midweek Zoom – Will Return Following the summer holidays, on **Monday 7th September.**

Poetry Reading – During Open Church

Speaking Allowed! 10.45 -12.15. The next session will be **Saturday 12th September.** Please contact: t.charman1@btinternet.com for more information.

New Prayer Diaries for August - November are now available at the back of Church.

Inkjet Printer Cartridges Box on the counter at the back of the church for collection of used inkjet printer cartridges, funds to Christian Aid.

Our current Shopping list:

TINNED MEAT, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, LONG-LIFE, FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, CEREAL, SAUCE PACKETS, INSTANT MASH, MIXED HERBS, JAM, SPONGE PUDDINGS, POWDERED MILK, COOKING OIL, SNACKS, COFFEE, TEA BAGS, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, MENS DEODORANT, SANITARY TOWELS.

For Full list visit: 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).

Thank you to everyone who has donated food, money or their time to combat hunger in our city



Our new Area Dean, The Revd. Phil

Bradford. Will be officially licenced as our Area Dean, next week at St John in Bedwardine.

At the Book of Common Prayer, 10am Service, **Tuesday 1st September**, by the Archdeacon of Worcester, the Venerable Mark Badger.

There is a free car park and after this morning's Eucharist there was also tea / coffee!

What could be more inviting...

All are welcome, please come and support him.

Eco-Church Worcester Community Garden

On our Pitchcroft site, we follow organic and no dig principles to produce our vegetables, fruit and flowers, meaning our beautiful produce is grown with zero chemicals and zero air miles.

The garden includes a number of 'small garden spaces' designed to provide ideas and inspiration. Do feel free to explore.

The community garden is usually open Tuesday to Friday, and Sunday, between 10am and 2pm.