

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 13th September 2026

Trinity 15

Opening Hymn: **547** O praise ye the Lord

Readings: Genesis 50.15-21 Meriel Orton
Romans 14.1-12 Vivien Greenow

Gradual Hymn: **40** Amazing Grace

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Sermon

Intercessions: Philippa Boulter

To the bidding: Lord in your mercy

Please respond: **Hear our prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **512** Now thank we all our God

Communion Hymns: **143** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

478 Make me a channel of your peace

71 Be still and know that I am God

Final Hymn: **562** Of the Father's love begotten



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

21st September - TBA

5th October - Carole & Graham Entertains with Light classic Music.



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, Patricia Ash, Ann Dowsett and Adrina and Alan Price.

Next Sunday – Trinity 16

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Jonah 3.10-4.11 Clergy
Philippians 1.21-30 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Jonah 3.10-4.11 TBC
Philippians 1.21-30 Geoff Hill

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Intercessions: Paul Kennett



Matthew 18.21-35

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

Rev Lindsey. As announced in church two weeks ago Revd Lindsey has taken the very difficult decision to resign from parish ministry. She will be presiding at the Thursday morning 10am service on September 24th and then at both the 8am and 10am services at St Stephen's on Sunday 27th September, her last Sunday as our parish priest. The 10am Sunday service will be followed by cake and drinks as we say farewell to her and thank her for her amazing ministry and leadership which has been appreciated by so many in the church and wider community. If you would like to contribute to the collection for her leaving present you can leave any donations with Michelle, Ruth, Kevin or Ann. Lindsey leaves with our prayers and blessing for her future ministry within the Church as she discerns God's will for her.

Refreshments on 27th September

Please do sign the list at the back of church if you are able to provide cake and/or help serve refreshments following the 10am service on 27th September. Many Thanks.

Accessible Worcester 2026

Following the success of last year's event, Worcester City Council is pleased to invite you to attend the Accessible Worcester 2026 mini-conference. The event will take place at the **Guildhall on Thursday 8 October, from 9:30-1.00.** It will bring together local representatives, community organisations, professionals, residents and businesses for a shared conversation about accessibility in Worcester and how we can help shape a more inclusive future for the city.

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.

Midweek Zoom – Morning & Evening Prayer

You probably remember that as a church we have Morning & Evening Prayers during term times, with Morning Prayer on Mondays & Wednesdays at 8.20am, and Evening Prayers on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5.30pm. We use Common Worship for both, and the services are done on Zoom, which means we can all be in our homes. There's a lovely small group of us who join. Some speak the words and others just listen, and anyone can choose what's best for them on the day. Some of our regulars can only join once a week, and others come each time – it doesn't matter. Would you like to give this a try? We'd love it if you did – just join once, and if it's not for you, of course that's ok, but just maybe it will be for you! Michelle sends out the zoom link each week and it's incredibly simple to join, and it's a joy to listen to scripture and pray as we do. If you want to know more, just ask me! Rob.

Margaret Pridmore's Funeral Details.

The service will take place at The Vale, Fladbury at **2.30pm on Tuesday 22nd September.**

No dress code. Family flowers only. Reception and light refreshments at Ravenmeadow Golf Club Worcester which concludes at 6.00pm

Eco-Church In this season of creation I would like to repeat the prayer used on 30 August:

*Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste, to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.*

*May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creations praise.*

Poetry Reading – During Open Church

Speaking allowed. Next meeting: **Sat 12th Sept.**

Missing Spare Key The spare key to the South Door has gone missing. Please could we ask you to check your pockets in case you have taken it home in error as this presents a significant fire risk; especially for groups that meet mid-week which may need to be cancelled as a result.