

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

## **8.00am – Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7 Diana Fulbrook

Philippians 3.4b-14 Diana Fulbrook

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

## **10.00am - Connect Service**

**490** Morning Has Broken

**80** Bind Us together

**344** Kumbaya

**227** Go Tell Everyone



## **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**

## **Poetry Reading – During Open Church**

**Speaking Allowed.** Next meeting: **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**

Contact: [t.charman1@btinternet.com](mailto:t.charman1@btinternet.com) for more info.

## **GOOD COMPANIONS Meet in church at 2.30pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> October** - Carole & Graham Entertains / Classic Music.

**19<sup>th</sup> October** - Rob Holdsworth 1<sup>st</sup> year as ordained priest.



**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, better for givers, better for the church. There are booklets at the back of Church. You can speak to a member of PCC or go: [www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://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 and Adrina and Alan Price.

**Trinity 18**

## **Next Sunday – Trinity 19/ Harvest**

### **8.00am – Holy Communion**

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Colin Magee

2 Corinthians 9.6-15 Colin Magee

Gospel: Luke 12.16-30

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell



### **10.00am – Family Service**

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Bev Cox

2 Corinthians 9.6-15 David Anwyl-Hughes

Gospel: Luke 12.16-30

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard



Jesus said the kingdom of God  
will be given to a people  
that produce the fruits of the kingdom.

## **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](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

**Mavis Wood's Funeral** will take place at **St Stephen's - Friday 9th October at 11am.**

All are welcome at the service and at Northwick House, 23 Old Northwick Lane, for refreshments and to honour Mavis's wish for a party! No flowers, donations to St Richard's Hospice.

**Bill Brockbank's Funeral** will take place at the Vale Crematorium, Fladbury, WR10 2QR, **Thursday 15th October at 12.30.** All are welcome to come and for refreshments afterwards, details tbc.

## **HARVEST SERVICE & CAKE SALE**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October** Margaret will be talking about Christian Aid.

There will be a cake sale following the 10am service – **Any Donations of Cake would be very much appreciated.** All donations will be for the work of Christian Aid.



## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2026!**

**Raffle Tickets are now available!**

We will be holding a Christmas Raffle to raise funds for the Toilets/Tower project. We already have some wonderful prizes donated and we will share the list of our (growing) prizes soon. We will draw the Raffle prize winners during a **Christmas Craft Event we have planned for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November** (more info to follow). You can now purchase your raffle tickets from the box at the back of church. We encourage you to buy in church and/or take away to sell to friends and family. The more we can raise to help progress funds the better! **Donations:** If you think you might be able to help with, either with a raffle prize or a good quality donation (for example; an item to fill a Christmas food hamper), please either leave in the Tower Room or speak to Ruth or Michelle. We would also ask if you know anyone or any business that might be willing to donate please share (we can provide a letter) or let us know. Many thanks, Michelle, Ruth & Chris.



## **Service - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 6.30pm.**

All are welcome to attend this quiet, reflective service where the names of loved ones will read aloud. There is a list at the back of church for you to add names to. Please write in capitals so that we can be sure of spelling and pronunciation. Alternatively, names may be emailed to Michelle.

**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.** A shared conversation about accessibility in Worcester.

**Bishop Hugh** wants to meet as many people as possible over the next few weeks, to explain his vision for our diocese and to invite you to join the story about what it means to be kingdom people today. He will be at **St Kenelm Church on 6.10, St Andrew's Malvern on 15.10, and at Claines on 9.11, all at 7pm until 9pm.**

There are three other evenings a bit further away if you want to go but can't manage one of the nearer ones, and there's more information on the Diocesan website under Join the Story."

**Eco-Tip. You Can help – Planning for next year.** Even small lengths of hedge are important. Making a hedge of mixed species at the back of the border and planting wildflowers are both pretty and practical. Wildlife will love it. Find out more: [www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/actions/how-make-hedge-wildlife](http://www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk/actions/how-make-hedge-wildlife)

## **For our Harvest Shopping List.**

**Items most needed:** TINNED MEAT, FISH, POTATOES, FRUIT & VEG, COOKING SAUCES, COFFEE, LONG LIFE MILK & FRUIT JUICE, SPONGE PUDDINGS, JAM & INSTANT MASHED POTATO.

**For Full List visit; [www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)**  
**There is a Foodbank collection box at the back of church for any donated items.**

**Thank you for your continued support of people in crisis.**

