

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 11th October 2026

Opening Hymn: **177** For the beauty of the earth
Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Bev Cox
2 Corinthians 9.6-15 David Anwyl-Hughes
Gradual Hymn: **178** For the fruits of his creation
Gospel: Luke 12.16-30
Sermon
Intercessions: Judith Gerrard
To the bidding: Lord of harvest
Please respond: **Hear our prayer**
Offertory Hymn: **782** We plough the fields and scatter
Communion Hymns: **71** Be still and know that I am God
10 Across the years there echoes
478 Make me a channel of your peace
Final Hymn: **326** Jesus is Lord



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 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**

GOOD COMPANIONS Meet in church at 2.30pm.

19th October - Rob Holdsworth 1st year as ordained priest.
2nd November - Minibus trip to Rowberry's Nursery & Café



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 a member of PCC 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 and Adrina and Alan Price.

Trinity 19 / Harvest

Next Sunday – Trinity 20

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 45.1-7
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22

Intercessions: Clergy

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10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 45.1-7
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22.15-22

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow

Pat Kendall
Philippa Boulter



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



Poetry Reading – During Open Church

Speaking Allowed. Next meeting: **Saturday 17th October.** Contact: t.charman1@btinternet.com for

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

HARVEST SERVICE & CAKE SALE

Sunday 11th October. There will be a Cake Sale following the 10am service for Christian Aid. **Any donations or Cake would be very much appreciated.**

(Please can all ingredients be identified).

Harvest Flowers As in previous years, to decorate the church, we are seeking any small arrangement, vase of flowers, foliage or decoration. For any donations of Flowers or Cake, please drop off on **Saturday 10.30 - 12.30** or if this is not possible, please bring any donation along on Sunday. **Thank you.**



Service - Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Sunday 1st 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.

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

Harvest

*In celebration of the Harvest Home,
Some dance until dawn after Supper.*

*Others allow beasts and birds to freely roam,
To glean in fields mown by combine's cutter.*

*In some years, harvests are a hard won fight
Against mixed elements of markets & weather;
With increased awareness of crop growers' plight,
Appreciation goes to all who worked together.*

*We give thanks for bread, made with home-grown
wheat,*

*Carefully spread with fresh local butter,
Thanks for vegetables, meat or cheese to eat
At Harvest meal shared with friends to natter.*

Teresa Sharman 2026

Thank you from Rev Lindsey Dear friends, thank you so much for the lovely sendoff you gave me on Sunday 27th September. For all the delicious cakes that you made and the folk that served them to us. For the very generous leaving gift that will fund my further pilgrimages and retreating, and for the warm and thoughtful words from Kevin. Thanks also to Nick and the choir for such a beautifully sung blessing to send me on my way. With my continued prayers for you all and much love, Lindsey.

Today is Prisons Sunday, a national day of prayer marking the start of the annual Prisons Week to raise awareness of those affected by the criminal justice system - prisoners & their families, victims, prison staff and all those who care. Rev Jonathan Aitken is giving a talk after preaching in the cathedral, at St Helens, Fish St, Worcester 2-3.30pm on "From prisoner to prison chaplain to prison reformer". All are welcome

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2026! Tickets are now available (back of church) for our Christmas Raffle, raising funds for Toilets/Tower project. We will share the full list of prizes soon! We will draw the Raffle during a **Christmas Craft Event on Saturday 28th November.** We encourage you to buy in church and /or take away to sell to friends & family. The more we can raise to help progress funds the better!

Donations: If you think you might be able to help with a raffle prize or a good quality donation (e.g. an item to fill a Christmas food hamper), please either leave in the Tower Room



Bishop Hugh wants to meet as many people as possible over the next 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 Andrew's Malvern on 15.10, and at Claines on 9.11. 7pm until 9pm.** There are other evenings further away if you can't manage those above. There's more information on the Diocesan website under Join the Story."

From our 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

There is a collection box at the back of church

