

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 25th October 2026

Opening Hymn: **738** Thou who almighty word
Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12 Geoff Hill
Colossians 3.12-17 Kevin Maltby
Gradual Hymn: **390** Lord thy word abideth
Gospel: Matthew 24.30-35
Sermon
Intercessions: Paul Kennett
To the bidding: Lord in your mercy
Please respond: **Hear our prayer**
Offertory Hymn: **778** We have a Gospel to proclaim
Communion Hymns: **253** Gather us in
16 All for Jesus
88 Blest are the pure in heart
Final Hymn: **745** To God be the Glory



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.

2nd November - Minibus trip to Rowberry's Nursery & Café
(24th October Theatre - We will Rock you WODS -2:30PM)



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

We will be talking a break from Midweek Zoom during half-term and will resume Monday 2nd November.

Prayers for Those in Continued Need:

Barbara Hellicar, Joyce Pringle, Rosie Goddard, Patricia Ash and Adrina and Alan Price.

Bible Sunday

Next Sunday – All Saints Day

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 Clergy
1 John 3.1-3 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am – Connect Service



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 readings November - Date tbc
For more info: t.charman1@btinternet.com

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

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 (email overleaf).

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 **Claines on 9.11. 7pm - 9pm.**

There are other evenings further away if you can't manage this one. There's more information on the Diocesan website under Join the Story."

Zoom – Half-Term Break We will be taking a break from Midweek Zoom during Half-Term (26th-29th October), resuming on 2nd November.

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.

<https://tinyurl.com/3zsc7tpu>

Events Group St Stephen's are looking for volunteers to support the creation of an Events Group. Initially tasked with the 2027 Autumn Fayre, this group will also consider other community activities to support wider ministry to our parish and serve our community. Please speak to Michelle, William or the clergy for more details.

The Science and Faith Worcester group invite you to join them on **Tuesday 17th November**, for **"A Fawn's Tale: through a creature's eyes"**, part 3 of our Narnia series (The drama is child friendly, though please be aware we'll be streaming the event). We're meeting at St. Paul's Church, (St. Paul's Street, WR1 2BH). Doors open at **7.30pm** for coffee and cake, and the talk will begin at **8pm**. Please visit www.sciencefaith.co.uk for more information, or find us on Facebook.

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. Thank you for your continued support.

A Massive Thank you to all those who contributed flowers to decorate the church for Harvest and those who donated cakes to sell, and those who supported by buying cake in support. Margaret has now donated a wonderful **£455.60** to Christian Aid!



Sound Desk Support

St Stephen's are looking for anyone who is interested in helping with the sound desk as we consider whether to expand our mid-week offering to community events or other services. Initially to support on Sunday's, assisting here will help guide the PCC regarding the direction of Zoom as an offering.

Please speak to William, Pete, Michelle or clergy for more details.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2026!

Raffle Tickets are now available!

We are holding a Christmas Raffle to raise funds for the Toilet/Tower project. We encourage you to buy tickets in church and /or take away to sell to friends and family. The more we can raise to help progress funds the better!!

We will draw the Raffle prize winners during a **Christmas Craft Event we have planned for Saturday 28th November** (more info to follow).

Donations: If you can help with a good quality donation towards filling a Christmas Food & Drinks or Jams Hamper, please either leave in the Tower Room or speak to Ruth or Michelle.

Prizes include; £100 Cash, Gym Memberships, Numerous Pubs & Café Vouchers, Basketball & Football Tickets, Crazy Golf & Tenpin Bowling and much, much more! **Full list in church.**

