

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022**

**Trinity 3**

**Opening Hymn: 107** - Christ is alive! With joy we sing

**Readings:** Habakkuk 2:1-4  
Ephesians 2:19-end

V. Greenow  
P. Kendall

**Gradual Hymn: 331** - Jesus the Word has lived among us

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:24-29

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** Clergy

**Offertory Hymn:** Lord, you call us to a journey  
(Words overleaf)

**Communion Hymns:**

**801** - When I survey the wondrous cross

**740** - Through all the changing scenes of life

**Final Hymn: 113** - Christ triumphant



## **Next Sunday - Trinity 4**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
Colossians 1:1-14

Clergy  
P. Curtis

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

**Intercessions:** Clergy



**10.00am - Family Service**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
Colossians 1:1-14

N. Wake  
K. Maltby

**Gospel:** Luke 10:25-37

**Intercessions:** D. Anwyl-Hughes

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served in church following the service. Why not stay for a drink and a chat. It's a chance to get to know everyone.



## **GOOD COMPANIONS**

**Next meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> July - Minibus trip to Hereford**

AUGUST - No meetings

5<sup>th</sup> September - Social with quiz (in church)

19<sup>th</sup> September - Marguerite Collins - the true Brideshead - Madresfield (in church)

## **A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church**

The Church of England has introduced a new Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses and based in Gloucester. The new scheme should be a win-win situation - better for givers, and better for the church. There is a small supply of booklets at the back of Church. If you want to know more, speak to Andy or Richard Hemmings, or look at PGS's website:

[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



Write the vision; make it plain...  
For the vision is for an appointed time;  
It shall speak and not lie. If it seems to tarry,  
wait for it; it will surely come.

Habakkuk 2:2-3

**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 Viv Todd. ★

## **Open Church**

**Thursdays** 10.30am - 12.30pm

**Saturdays** 10.30am - 12.30pm



If you have any items for the pew sheet please e-mail them to: [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com)

Please send prior to Thursday - 10.00am if you wish it to be included in the following Sunday's pew sheet.

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com) or 07961 097497

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Our shopping list is longer than usual as soaring referrals continue to put a huge strain on our stock levels. Here's a list of some of the items we urgently need if you're able to help us.

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS, CEREAL, HOT CHOCOLATE, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, MUG SHOTS, NOODLE POTS, TREATS AND CRISPS, LONG-LIFE APPLE/ORANGE JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, CHOCOLATE BARS, CREAM CRACKERS, MIXED HERBS, SALT, MAYONNAISE, INSTANT COFFEE, SUGAR, COOKING OIL, TOMATO PUREE. PACKET SEASONING, TOMATO/BROWN SAUCE, WET AND DRY DOG/CAT FOOD, SMALL BOTTLES OF WASHING UP LIQUID, FAMILY SIZE SHOWER GEL, WOMEN'S DEODORANT, WASHING POWDER, ANTI-BAC SPRAY, KITCHEN ROLL, ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES (SINGLE), SHAVING FOAM, FAMILY SIZE SHAMPOO, HAIR CONDITIONER, TOILET ROLL, TAMPONS, WASHING CLOTHS, SOAP

You can find the full list on our website <https://worcester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Copies of the full list can also be found in the donation box or the porch. Please no food that needs refrigerating as the Foodbank can't accept it. The Foodbank are also grateful for money donations as this helps towards the rent and allows them to go and buy essentials if they run out of something. They will also accept clean children's clothes. **Thank you for your continued support of local people in crisis.**

## Dates for your diary.....

- Worcester Show  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August
- Autumn Fete Day  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September

## At Home Service

Many people have said how helpful they found the 'At Home Service' during the pandemic, but our sense is that most people are now receiving what they need from either in-person services or Zoom. As it takes time to produce, **we are proposing to stop circulating it in July - unless there is still a demand for it, so please let us know if so.** One alternative is to post the readings, reflection and prayers on our website.

## Return to a Shared Chalice

A number of churches, including the cathedral have now returned to a shared chalice during Holy Communion. In view of responses received so far we have decided to defer making this transition for the time being at St. Stephen's.

## Hymn: Lord, you call us on a journey

Lord, you call us to a journey,  
To a never-ending quest;  
Always seeking new horizons,  
Always reaching for the best.  
Young or old, it makes no difference,  
Still the journey's just begun;  
Keep on looking in the distance,  
Never dream the race is run.

Let the search for truth continue,  
May its flame forever burn;  
What we know is only partial,  
There is more we need to learn.

Do not fear what seems a challenge,  
Do not cling to what is dead.  
Let the voice of God disturb you,  
By the way of Christ be led.

Faith must always be evolving,  
If it is to stay alive;  
Not viewed as some destination  
Where one day we must arrive.

Lord, you call us to a journey,  
Always taking one step more.  
Help us then to keep believing  
That you hold the best in store.