

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Trinity 6

**Opening Hymn: 158** Father, hear the prayer we offer

**Readings:** Genesis 18:20-32 H. Lems  
Colossians 2:6-19 R. Scotson

**Gradual Hymn:** Lord, teach us how to pray aright  
(Words overleaf)

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 11:1-13

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** J. Gerrard

**Offertory Hymn: 253** Gather us in

**Communion Hymns: 189** Give thanks with a grateful heart  
**4** A new commandment  
**383** Lord Jesus Christ

**Final Hymn: 351** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us



**Next Sunday - Trinity 7**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

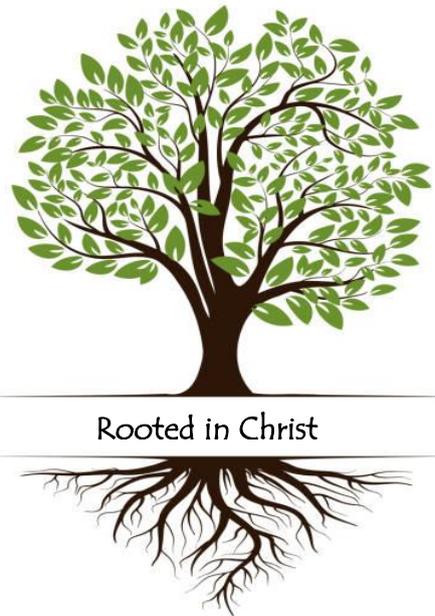
Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14 M. Mandrell  
Colossians 3:1-11 M. Mandrell

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21  
Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14 S. Gething  
Colossians 3:1-11 G. Hill

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21  
Intercessions: Clergy



Rooted in Christ

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 meetings:**

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)



**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



## 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

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 by 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

**Worcester Show Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August** - as previously, the North Worcester churches will have a tent at this: we need people to help with simple craft activities for children, and welcoming passers-by: please let us know if you would be willing to help with this.

## **Care Assistant work over the summer**

Pat and Andy have asked whether you know of someone who might be interested in assisting with care for Rosie over the summer. The position is paid, and will require a DBS check, although no prior experience is necessary. The assistant would need to be a female over 17 years old. If you know anyone, please direct them to Andy or Lindsey, or to Pat and Andy

## **Gradual Hymn:**

### **Lord, teach us how to pray aright**

Lord, teach us how to pray aright  
with rev'ence and with fear.  
as much-loved children in your sight,  
we may, we must draw near.

Give deep humility; the sense  
of godly sorrow give;  
a strong desire with confidence,  
to hear your voice and live;

Give these, and then your will be done;  
thus strengthened with all might,  
we, through your Spirit and your Son,  
shall pray, and pray aright.

## **Dates for your diary.....**

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



## **Poem - In Praise of Church**

*Mother Church – is a place for baptism as naming,  
With learning, confirmation, confession, prayer and  
song.*

*Where on Sundays and other days, some parishioners  
throng*

*For feelings of community, faith and love too;  
It is the place to turn to if we are feeling blue.*

*Landmark Church - looking over aials and gables;  
Skyline silhouette of bell tower, crown or steeple;  
Supporting the flock through familiarity with people.  
Seen in the distance by those in houses, fields and  
woods*

*And a variety of businesses providing necessary goods.*

*Parish Church - funds can be tight since the loosing of  
tithes;*

*Church weddings and funerals nearly borderline fiction,  
Civil services and personal choice have gained traction.  
A surprise card payment machine is there now to tap,  
Adds income from fêtes, bequests and the collection  
hat.*

*Modern Church – extra income from signal booster  
mast?*

*And Parish news sheet sponsored by local advert lines;  
To tell of book or cake sales and tasting cheese and  
wines.*

*New events like 'Jazz for Jesus' could bring in some  
beans,*

*Or 'sponsor ten roof tiles' may break with more  
normal means.*

*Historic Church – with weighty graded listing, costly  
Repairs, shackled by making no time-passing changes.  
It's architectural beauty spoken of by sages;  
Change of attitude, shared allegiance with the pages  
Of books, hymns, prayers and more services for all  
ages.*

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