

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Trinity 8

**Opening Hymn: 364** Lift up your heads, O mighty gates

**Readings:** Genesis 15:1-6 R. Holdsworth  
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 D. Anwyl-Hughes

**Gradual Hymn: 131** Come praise the Lord, the Almighty

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:32-40

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** D. Anwyl-Hughes

**Offertory Hymn: 15** All creatures of our God and King

**Communion Hymns:**

**163** Father of heaven, whose love profound

**147** Do not be afraid

**677** Take my life, and let it be (Tune: Red Book, 249)

**Final Hymn: 113** Christ triumphant



**Next Sunday - Trinity 8**

**8.00am - No Service**

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Jeremiah 23:23-29 B. Cox  
Hebrews 11:29-12:1 R. Goddard

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Intercessions: V. Greenow



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)

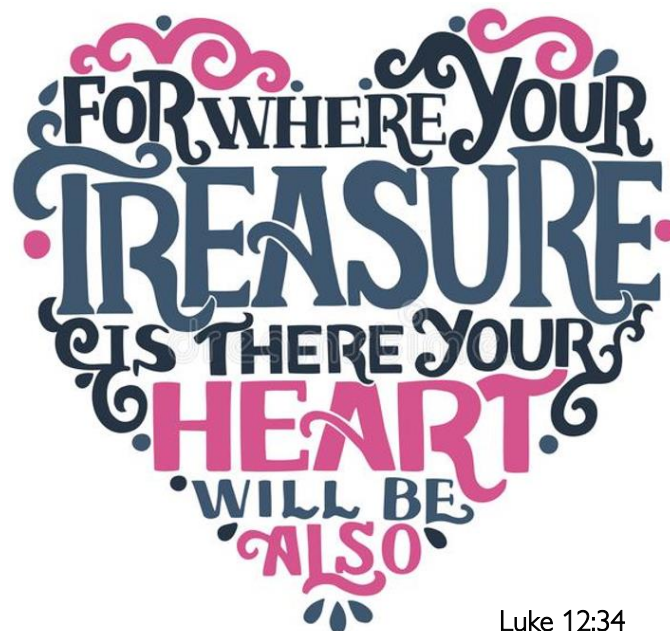


## Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services:

We are taking a break from Midweek Zoom services during August. We will resume again in September



Luke 12:34

**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) ★

## 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 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



## **St Stephen's Autumn Fayre – 24<sup>th</sup> September**

If you are able to help with setting up, manning a stall or putting things away, please do let Andy, Lindsey or Michelle know. The plans are coming together nicely but we will need your help, even if you can only offer a couple of hours. All offers of help will be greatly appreciated.

## **Salvation Army Shop and Donation Centre**

The new shop and donation centre in St. Martin's Quarter has proved so popular that they are in need of additional volunteers.

Ideal for young adults on school holiday or if you're retired and would like to meet new people.

For further information, please email [john.bullock@salvationarmy.or.uk](mailto:john.bullock@salvationarmy.or.uk) or drop into the store and ask to speak to the manager.



**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 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.

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

## **New Home Group**

A new Home Group will be starting on September 6<sup>th</sup> and will be meeting in the evenings from 7.30-9.00pm. If you would like to join or are interested to know what we'll be looking at together – please do speak to Andy or Lindsey.

An additional new home group is also planned. Further details to follow.

*I cannot pass my faith onto others as a doctor injects a patient with serum.*

*I cannot pass my faith onto others as a service-station attendant fills a car with petrol.*

*I cannot pass my faith onto others as wharf-labourers move cargo from one ship to another with cranes.*

*I cannot provide a pill that produces faith when it is swallowed.*

*I cannot explain my faith as a teacher explains a mathematical formula.*

*I cannot demonstrate my faith as a clever lawyer demonstrates the innocence of the accused to a sceptical judge.*

*I can only prove my faith by letting Christ heal my entangled, sinful life.*

*I can only prove my faith by praying for others, as Christ prayed for Peter and others.*

*I can only prove my faith by doing loving deeds to others, even as Christ revealed his love to the sick and hungry.*

*I can only prove my faith by being ready to forgive and forget the evil words and deeds of others, even as Christ forgave his enemies on the cross.*

*I can only prove my faith by being prepared to suffer for others, even as Christ suffered for others.*

*I can only prove my faith by not letting my failures deflect me from my calling, even as Christ could not be deflected from his course by people's unbelief.*

*I can only prove my faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, given by Christ.*

*John Gnanabaranam*