

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 4th September 2022

Trinity 12

Opening Hymn: 161 Father Lord of all creation

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 N. Humphries
Philemon 1-21 B. Cox

Gradual Hymn: 184 Forth in thy name

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

Sermon

Intercessions: J. Gerrard

Offertory Hymn: 187 From heaven you came

Communion Hymns:

813 Will you let me be your servant

167 Father we love you

72 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Final Hymn: 285 I the Lord of sea & sky



Next Sunday - Trinity 13

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 32:7-14 P. Curtis
1 Timothy 1:12-17 Clergy

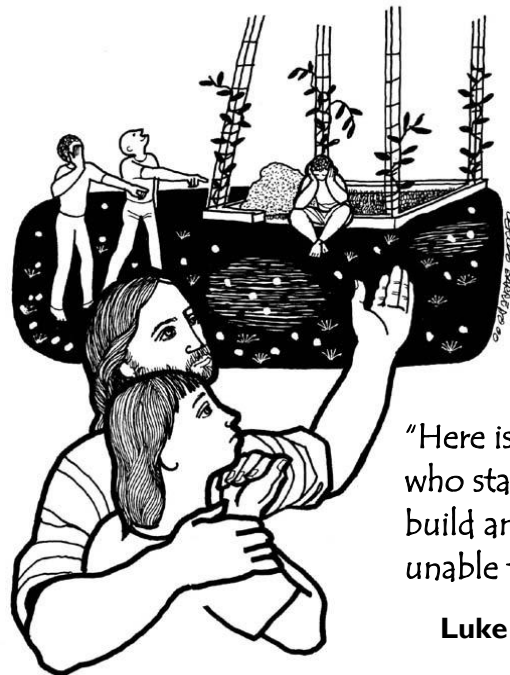


10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Exodus 32:7-14 K. Maltby
1 Timothy 1:12-17 L. Dunmore

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth



"Here is someone who started to build and was unable to finish."

Luke 14:30

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:

5th September - Social with quiz (In church)

19th 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



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



Church Services this coming week.

If you have any items for the pew 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 parish sheet

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



St Stephen's Autumn Fayre – 24th 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.

 There is now a list at the back of church if you would like to add your name to a stall or to help in any way.

Date for your diary!

Skittles and Social Event - Sunday 9th October

We will be hosting a 'Skittles and Social' event with Claines and St. Georges at The Alma on the afternoon of Sunday 9th October. Further details to follow.

New Home Group

A new Home Group will be starting on September 6th 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.

Philomusica – Come & Sing with us

A free choral event at St Stephens – **Sunday 18th September 2.00pm – 5.30pm**

VIVALDI: GLORIA RUTTER: FEEL THE SPIRIT

Complementary refreshments provided. Vocal scores available on the day at £2. **Book Online at:** <https://philomusica.org.uk/sing.html>

A Thank You - Pat, Andy and Rosie would like to thank everyone for their care and interest regarding our request for care help for Rosie. We are delighted to say that we have found a lovely person who will be a permanent member of Rosie's care team. Also can we thank everyone for their prayers and concern while we were all poorly with Covid.

Tombola Donations - Bottles!

We are gratefully accepting/collecting any 'bottle' donations for our Tombola readiness for our Autumn Fayre. We will gladly accept ANY bottle, be it alcohol, fizz, toiletries - anything in a bottle! Please bring to church for storage in the Tower room. Thank you!!



Lindsey's Curacy

How time flies! Here we are, in September already. It's also the final year of Lindsey's curacy (hard to believe, I know). It is normal for final-year curates to be given an opportunity to get a better feel for what it is like to be in charge, so the PCC has agreed that, for the coming month until 3rd October, Andy will take something of a step back, and Lindsey will lead our services and take day-to-day decisions - without Andy to get in her way! The PCC has also kindly suggested that Andy and Viv can use this time to focus on helping their daughter Debbie to navigate the joint mazes of the health and education systems.



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.