

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 16th October 2022

Harvest

Opening Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving (See over, tune: Morning has broken)

Readings: Deuteronomy 26.1-11 K. Maltby
Philippians 4.4-9 G. Hill

Gradual Hymn: 272 I am the bread of life (1st verse & chorus only)

Gospel Reading: John 6.25-35

Sermon

Intercessions: V. Greenow

Offertory Hymn: 178 For the fruits of his creation

Communion Hymns: 189 Give thanks with a grateful heart
42 An upper room

Final Hymn: 568 O Lord my God, when I in awesome



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: 17th October - Art Gallery visit to see art by Canaletto; tea at the Balcony Café.

Followed by:

7th November - Beekeeping anecdotes from Stan Summers

21st November - Kevin Maltby will give a talk on William Shakespeare and co: the trivia.



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



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

Next Sunday – Bible Sunday

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 45:22-25 M. Mandrell
Romans 15:1-6 M. Mandrell

Gospel: Luke 4:16-24

Intercessions:

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 45:22-25 M. Orton
Romans 15:1-6 P. Kendall

Gospel: Luke 4:16-24

Intercessions: P. Kennett



All good gifts around
us are sent from
heaven above
Now thank the Lord...

Harvest Hymn



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

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 or 07961 097497

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Commemoration of Faithful Departed Service

Our annual Commemoration of Faithful Departed Service will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 30th October: please do record the names of any loved ones you would like to be remembered either on the sheets in Church or by emailing Andy or Michelle.

Bereavement Support Group

A Bereavement Support Group has started this month to provide informal support following the loss of a loved one whether recently or not. It will run on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 11am-12pm in St. Stephen's Church but does not assume any religious beliefs. All are welcome or if you'd like to know more contact Marion Neary on 07870 753739.

Some thank you's

Andy would like to pass on a huge thank you to you all for making it possible for him to give some extra support to his family this past month. Well done to Lindsey, and thank you to everyone for supporting her. A thank you also to Iris and all those who helped give the church a deep clean last Friday.

St Stephen's Visitors.

One of the ways in which a number of folk at St Stephen's show their care for the community is through visiting others at home - or indeed at the local care homes. Before the pandemic, we used to meet regularly to support one another and coordinate our visiting. It would be lovely to hear from anyone who would like to get involved in this wonderful ministry, even very occasionally, so that we can get a sense of what we might be able to offer to those who approach the Church for help in this way. Please speak to Andy or Lindsey if there is a possibility you might be interested.

Opening Hymn: Praise and thanksgiving

*Praise and thanksgiving
Father we offer
For all things living
You have made good
Harvest of sown fields
Fruits of the orchard
Hay from the mown fields
Blossom and wood
Father providing
Food for Your children
Your wisdom guiding
Teaches us share
One with another
So that rejoicing
Sister and brother
May know Your care
Then will Your blessing
Reach every people
Each one confessing
Your gracious hand
When You are reigning
No one will hunger
Your love sustaining
Fruitful the land*



Here's a list of some items we most need in our warehouse as we continue to support around 1000 people every month.

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

Please no food that needs refrigerating as the Foodbank can't accept it.

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

