

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 23rd October 2022

Opening Hymn: 390 Lord they word abideth

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

Gradual Hymn: 778 We have a gospel to proclaim

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:16-24

Sermon

Intercessions: P. Kennett

Offertory Hymn: 738 Thou whose almighty word

Communion Hymns: 125 Come down O love divine
399 Love is his word, love is his way

Final Hymn: 684 Tell out my soul



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: 7th November -
Beekeeping anecdotes from Stan Summers

Followed by:

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

5th December - Christmas Party - TBA



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

We will be taking a break from Zoom services during the half term break. We will be back on 31st October.

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at: mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com or 07961 097497

Bible Sunday

Next Sunday - All Saints Day

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Daniel 7:1-3 Clergy
Ephesians 1:11-23 P. Curtis

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Intercessions: Clergy

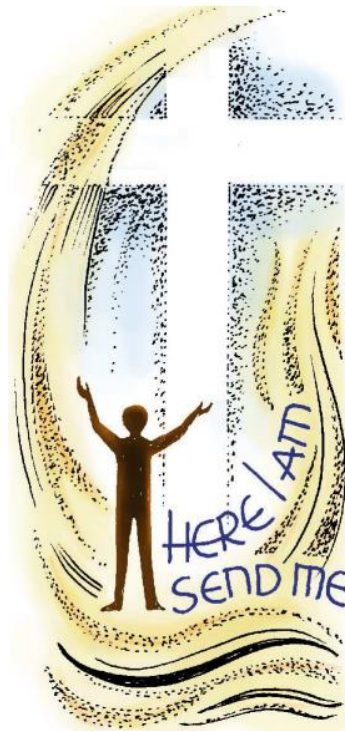
10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Daniel 7:1-3 N. Humphries
Ephesians 1:11-23 K. Maltby

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Intercessions: J. Gerrard

6.30pm - Commemoration of the faithful departed



'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor'

Luke 4.18

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.

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.

Songs of Praise at Worcester Cathedral 20th November on BBC1

This year's Animal blessing service at the Cathedral was filmed by BBC Songs of Praise for a feature which will air on 20th November in an episode designed to celebrate and give thanks for the way animals can enhance our lives. Tune in or catch up and you might spot some familiar faces!

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.

Christian Aid Bake Sale - A Massive Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful cakes and generosity of giving. So far we have raised £500 plus gift aid which will go to East Africa to help those affected by famine through Christian Aid. Margaret M.

In Praise of Mistakes

(By Barbara Hellicar)

*What fun to belong to St Stevie's
Who would ever believe us
In Praise of Mistakes
They've got what it takes
Our diligent dutiful duo
Lindsey earns her **Laurels**
Andy is rather **Hardy**
She's eager to give and take a **Little**
Especially when Andy's at **Large**
Our diligent dutiful duo
Sometimes we're dismissed before final hymn
Charming grin, don't give in, it's no sin
Our diligent dutiful duo
Bring laughter, uproarious
Mistakes - notorious
Let's **Mark** the **Twain**
(It's them again!)
Our diligent dutiful duo
Send them victorious, cheerful, glorious
Gazing at us round the church
As long as they don't leave us in the lurch!
"Our diligent dutiful duo!"
I'm delighted you're so Handy!*

Cost of Living Crisis

In response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis we will be collecting child and adult size coats, hats, gloves and scarves to be donated to those in need. If you have any items to donate – there will be a box at the back of church.

Worcester Trussell Trust have specifically suggested that a supply of new Hot Water Bottles would be really helpful so there will be a separate collection box at the back of church. for these also. Thank you for your support.



Items most needed:

Cereal, Tinned Potatoes & Veg, long life juice & milk, Instant coffee & Toilet rolls

Please use the link below for the full list of items needed: <https://worcester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> Thank you for your continued support of local people in crisis.