

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

3 before Advent

**Opening Hymn: 608** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Readings:** Job 19:23-27a L. Dunmore  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-end S. Gething

**Gradual Hymn: 343** King of glory, King of peace

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 20:27-38

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** M. Mandrell

**Offertory Hymn: 259** Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty

**Communion Hymns:**

**813** Will you let me be your servant

**72** Be still for the presence of the Lord

**147** Do not be afraid

**Final Hymn: 184** – Forth in thy name



**Next Sunday - 2 before Advent**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a D. Fulbrook  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 D. Fulbrook

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a L. Nicolls  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 V. Todd

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes



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:** 7<sup>th</sup> November -

Beekeeping anecdotes from Stan Summers

Followed by:

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

5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)



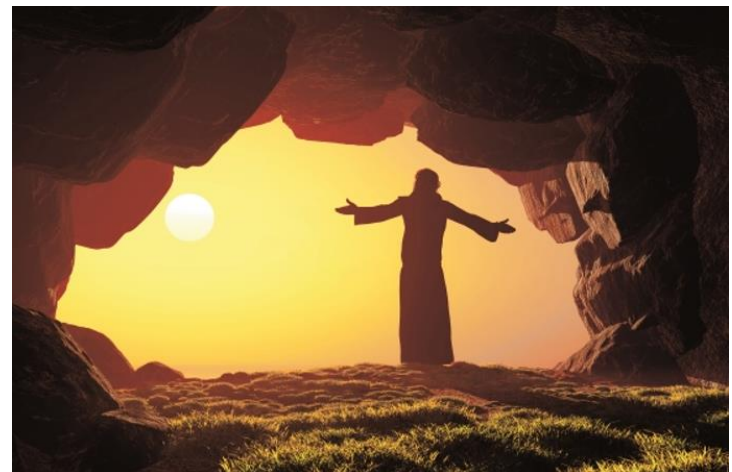
## Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am Morning Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm Evening Prayer



**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

**"All things come from you, and of your own do we give you."**

One of the reminders of the pandemic in our services has been the way the **Offering** is made. Rather than pass the collection plate and bring it forward with the Communion elements for blessing, we have left it for gifts to be made before the service. However, given the importance of this part of the service, we are keen to reintroduce it, whilst still respecting the need for Covid-related caution. We will therefore be re-instituting the blessing of the elements and collection, but we will not for the moment be reintroducing the passing of the collection plate. Please note that for those who give by regular planned means (standing order or Parish Giving Scheme) or by using the card machine in Church, there are small cards available which make that clear: if you place one of these in the collection at the beginning of the service, they will be included in the blessing. We hope this will enable you to feel that your giving is fully recognised in the liturgy.

## **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.

## **Songs of Praise at Worcester Cathedral** **20<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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.



## **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.

<https://worcester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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