

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 13th November 2022

Opening Hymn: 21 All my hope on God is founded

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

Gradual Hymn: 351 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes

Offertory Hymn: 598 Peace, perfect peace (vss 1,6,7)

Communion Hymns: 478 Make me a channel of your
peace **358** Let there be love shared among us
179 For the healing of the nations

Final Hymn: 528 - O God our help in ages past

Remembrance Services

11.00am. After the 10.00am Sunday Service - A short act of Remembrance will take place outside by the War Memorial.

6.30pm. A Reflective Service with light refreshments afterwards



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

Meet in Church at 2.30pm

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

5th December - Christmassy social in church with mince pies



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
<u>Zoom only services</u>		
Monday & Wednesday	8.20am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday – Christ the King

8.00am – Said Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 J. Swindin
Colossians 1:11-20 J. Swindin

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Intercessions: M. Mandrell



10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 B. Cox
Colossians 1:11-20 R. Scotson

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Intercessions: V. Greenow



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

"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.

Remembrance Services and Poppy Craft

After the 10.00am service today, there will be a short act of Remembrance that will take place outside by the War Memorial.

This evening, a Reflective Remembrance Service will be held at **6.30pm** followed by light refreshments.

Lia Senatore has kindly crafted a range of items with a Remembrance theme, which are available to purchase (in a lovely display) at the back of Church. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.

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 fortnightly on Mondays, 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.

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!



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.

For full list please use link below:

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

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