

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Christ the King

**Opening Hymn: 479** Make way, make way for Christ the King

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

**Gradual Hymn: 190** Sing Hosanna (Give me joy)

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 23:33-43

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** V. Greenow

**Offertory Hymn: 187** The servant king

**Communion Hymns:**

**88** Blest are the pure in heart

**477** Majesty, worship his majesty

**633** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**Final Hymn: 619** Rejoice the Lord is King



**Next Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 P. Curtis  
Romans 13:11-14 K. Layton/Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Intercessions: P. Curtis

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 L. Trow-Poole  
Romans 13:11-14 R. Goddard

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth



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



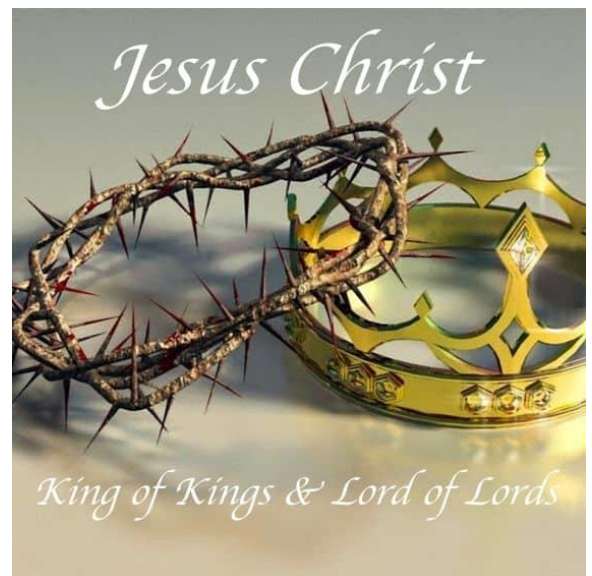
**Next meetings:** 21<sup>st</sup> November - Kevin Maltby will give a talk on William Shakespeare and co: the trivia.

5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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



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.

## 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

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com) or 07961 097497

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## **The Arts Society/ Church Recordings**

Volunteers from The Arts Society Worcester are undertaking a painstaking record of the fixtures, fittings, fabrics and textiles owned by and within St Stephens Church. Meeting most Thursday mornings at the church the team is led by Gillian Kendal.

The process has been delayed by the Covid pandemic which also had an impact on several of the volunteers who have not been able to return. As a result the team is looking for more help with certain aspects of the process including noting and recording areas of interest, help with transferring the records to Word documents to enable printing and binding, help with photography and some of the heavier lifting.

If you are interested in Church Architecture, Stained Glass, Metal Work, Fabrics etc. or would like to contribute to support the church then please join us via Zoom at **6pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December** to find out more. Gillian will be in conversation with Dr Maggie Keeble Chairperson of TAS Worcester and Rev Andy Todd

## **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.

## **Tea & Coffee Rota**

Ruth is compiling the new Rota for serving tea and coffee after the 10am service for the period January to June 2023. We really do need some more helpers. If you aren't currently involved but think you might be able help please could you have a word or email her at [ruth.scotson@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.scotson@gmail.com)?

Ruth is also looking for some help on 11th December, please speak to Ruth or email if you can help.

## **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.

**Advent Group.** This year, there will be an Advent Group looking at Stephen Cottrell's book "Walking Backwards to Christmas." Starting on 29<sup>th</sup> November, we will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. We will use the book as a help to reflection, group discussion and prayer. Speak to Andy or Lindsey if you would be interested in being part of the group.

## **Songs of Praise at Worcester Cathedral** **20<sup>th</sup> November on BBC1 – 12.15pm**

Today at 12.15pm- BBC Songs of Praise will air on BB1. Tune in or catch up and you might spot some familiar faces!



## **It's time to unwrap our Christmas shopping list - and here's a flavour of what's on it:**

DRIED STUFFING, GRAVY GRANULES, BREAD SAUCE, CANNED HAM, CHRISTMAS CAKE, CHUTNEY, CRANBERRY SAUCE, PICKLED ONIONS, CHEESE BISCUITS.

You can download the full list from our website. <https://tinyurl.com/2p83y8p4>

Donations can be left at all our usual collection points.

The Foodbank are need your help again in cracking our shortage of egg boxes! We've got plenty of fresh eggs but need boxes that can hold 6 eggs



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