

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Opening Hymn: 684** Tell out my soul

**Readings:** Isaiah 7:10-16      N. Wake  
Romans 1:1-7                      G. Hill

**Gradual Hymn: 105** Child in the manger

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** D. Anwyl-Hughes

**Offertory Hymn: 778** We have a gospel to proclaim

**Communion Hymns:**

**686** The angel Gabriel

**703** The light of Christ

**189** Give thanks with a grateful heart

**Final Hymn:** See him lying on a bed of straw  
(words overleaf)



4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Next Sunday – Christmas Day**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7                      P. Curtis  
Titus 2:11-14                                  P. Curtis

Gospel: Luke 2.1-14

Intercessions: P. Curtis

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7                      K. Maltby  
Titus 2:11-14                                  V. Greenow

Gospel: Luke 2.1-14

Intercessions: J. Gerrard



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.

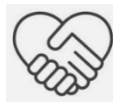


**GOOD COMPANIONS**

Meet in Church at 2.30pm

**Next meeting:**

23<sup>rd</sup> January - AGM



**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.**

Later today	6.30pm	9 Lessons & Carols
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Crib Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

**Zoom only services**

Monday & Wednesday	8.20am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer



Matthew 1.24

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded...

**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

## **Carol Singing at Care Homes**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> - 2pm** at Northwick Grange (19 Old Northwick Ln, WR3 7NB), 3pm at the Willows (2, Tower Road, WR3 7AF)

As always, please do just turn up - in festive attire if you have any!

## **Christmas Cards**

If you would like to write one card for our church family, please bring to be put on the mosaic (covered in Christmas paper) by the table as you enter church. Donations for the Salvation Army would be greatly appreciated. Margaret.

**Lia Senatore has kindly crafted a range of Christmas gifts & crafts for adults & children**, which are available to purchase (in a lovely display) at the back of Church. Lia has asked us to emphasise that profits will go to church funds and Cancer Research.

Do take a look..... there is quite a selection. Payments can be made via cash or card.

**Church Deep Clean** Iris and team will be carrying out a deep clean in church on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 4pm. If you're able to offer some help, even if only for an hour, they'd be delighted to see you.

## **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)

## **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.

## **Final Hymn**

### ***See him Lying on a bed of Straw***

*1 See him lying on a bed of straw:  
a draughty stable with an open door;  
Mary cradling the babe she bore  
the prince of glory is his name.*

O now carry me to Bethlehem  
to see the Lord of love again:  
just as poor as was the stable then,  
the prince of glory when he came.

*2 Star of silver, sweep across the skies,  
show where Jesus in the manger lies;  
shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise  
to see the saviour of the world!*

O now carry me...

*3 Angels, sing again the song you sang,  
sing the glory of God's gracious plan;  
Sing that Bethl'em's little baby can  
be the saviour of us all.*

O now carry me...

*4 Mine are riches, from your poverty,  
from your innocence, eternity;  
mine, forgiveness by your death for me,  
child of sorrow for my joy.*

O now carry me...



**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>

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.**