

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Christmas Day

**Opening Hymn: 520** O come, all ye faithful

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

**Gradual Hymn: 397** Love came down at Christmas (2<sup>nd</sup> tune)

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 2.1-14

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** J. Gerrard

**Offertory 540** O little town of Bethlehem

**Communion Hymns:**

**66** Away in a manger  
**305** In the bleak midwinter  
**335** Joy to the world

**Final Hymn: 244** Hark, the herald angels sing



**Next Sunday – New Years Day/ Holy Name**

**8.00am - No Service**

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Numbers 6:22-end    V. Greenow  
Galatians 4:4-7                    L. Niccolls

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

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.

**26<sup>th</sup> December                    11.00am                    Patronal Festival**

There will be No Thursday 10.00am service on the 29<sup>th</sup>

## Morning and Evening Prayer – Zoom Services

We will be taking a rest from Daily Prayer by Zoom from this week until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**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

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## **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.

## **Save the date: Bishop Martin visiting us on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

Bishop Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley, will be joining our 10am service on 15<sup>th</sup> January. It would be lovely to give him a very warm welcome, and we are sure you will enjoy meeting him if you haven't done so already, so do please make a special effort if you can to be there.

## **Christmas thanks and blessing.**

Andy and Lindsey would like to thank you all for being part of the St Stephen's Church family this year, and wish you this Christmas blessing:

*May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the Wise Men,  
the obedience of Mary and Joseph,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas time and for ever.*



**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.

## **Bereavement Support Group**

Provides 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.



**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/>

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