

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 1st January 2023

New Years Day/ Holy Name

Opening Hymn: 229 Good Christians all, rejoice

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

Gradual Hymn: 794 What child is this
(tune: Greensleeves)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:15-21

Sermon

Intercessions: J. Gerrard

Offertory Hymn: 314 It came upon the midnight clear

Communion Hymns:

310 Infant holy, infant lowly

105 Child in the manger

331 Jesus the word has lived among us

Final Hymn: 146 Ding dong! Merrily on high



Next Sunday – Epiphany

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60:106 D. Fulbrook
Ephesians 3:1-12 D. Fulbrook

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 60:106 D. Anwyl-Hughes
Ephesians 3:1-12 R. Goddard

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes



Luke 2.19

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:

23rd 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



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

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Morning and Evening Prayer: we will be taking a rest from Daily Prayer by Zoom from this week until Monday 9th January.

Save the date: Bishop Martin visiting us on Sunday 15th January.

Bishop Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley, will be joining our 10am service on 15th 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.

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.

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.

For full list please use link below:

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

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

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

