

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Epiphany**

**Opening Hymn: 55** As with gladness

**Readings:** Isaiah 60:106  
Ephesians 3:1-12

D. Anwyl-Hughes  
R. Goddard

**Gradual Hymn: 692** The first Nowell  
(vss 1-3 before Gospel, 4-6 after)

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** D. Anwyl-Hughes

**Offertory Hymn: 560** O worship the Lord in the beauty of...

**Communion Hymns:**

**557** O thou who camest from above

**99** Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

**189** Give thanks with a grateful heart

**Final Hymn: 788** We three kings



## **Next Sunday – Epiphany 2**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 J. Swindin  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 J. Swindin

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 R. Holdsworth  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 V. Todd

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Intercessions: V. Greenow



Matthew 2:1-12

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

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)



**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

## **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

## **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.

## **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.

## **Good Companions**

Join us at KINGDOM ARTS on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup> in St George's Church.

We begin with coffee at 9.30am and worship at 10.00am. This is followed by a time of getting creative using a great variety of art expressions, music, creative writing, painting, needlework as well as lots of chatting! The morning finishes with a delicious soup lunch at 12.30pm. We are continuing our theme of "Heroes of Faith". Come along and see what we do and discover which Christian hero we are looking at this month.



## **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/>

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