

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 15th January 2023

Epiphany 2

Opening Hymn: 241 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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

Gradual Hymn: When Jesus came to Jordan (see over)

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

Sermon

Intercessions: V. Greenow

Offertory Hymn: 37 Alleluia sing to Jesus

Communion Hymns:

680 Take this moment

143 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

666 Spirit of the living God

Final Hymn: 139 Crown him with many crowns



Next Sunday – 22nd January – Epiphany 3

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Clergy
K. Layton

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Intercessions: Clergy



10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

P. Kennett
K. Maltby

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Intercessions: M. Mandrell

"Behold, the Lamb
of God!"

John 1.29-42



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 with Revd Andy Todd

6th February - Marguerite Collins Madresfield - The True Brideshead

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



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

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Children's Area Makeover We are immensely grateful to all whose gifts over the years have made the Children's Area in Church a welcoming place for young families. Inevitably though, through much use, the furniture has started to look a bit tired. The late Doreen Pritchard very kindly left a legacy of money to the Church, which her family and friends have augmented, to allow us to give the area a makeover. If you would like to be involved in planning the layout or selecting items, please speak to Andy, Lindsey or Michelle. Watch this space...!

Bethlehem's Star by Janet Martin

*Bethlehem's star has not dimmed its glow
It beams clearly now as it did long ago
Into the darkness of earth's desperate night
Bethlehem's star still offers His light*



*Still now we gather in awe of His might
To wonder and worship and seek this true Light
Over each cradle and grave see it shine*

*Mercy and goodness and love so divine
'Peace on the earth and goodwill to all men'
A message of hope as true now as then
Come one and all, oh, come as you are
Follow the Light of Bethlehem's star*

Gradual Hymn: When Jesus came to Jordan

*When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon.
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.*

*He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.*

A Message from Marion May

As the placement part of my Licensed Lay Ministry training comes to an end, I'd like to thank everyone at St Stephen's who has made me so welcome over the past few months.

I've really enjoyed meeting you all whether worshipping alongside you in church services and in local care homes, enjoying the company of young and old at Little Stars and Good Companions, occasionally singing with the choir, appreciating the music of the organ, piano and violin, hearing the bells ringing out, chatting over coffee or sharing with your PCC in seeking God's vision for St Stephen's in the future.

It's been a real privilege to be temporarily part of your fellowship and thank you so much for every conversation, opportunity to join in and every word of encouragement and advice, with especial thanks of course to Andy, Lindsey and Margaret who have been so generous with their time, help, patience and enthusiasm.

Praying God's richest blessing on all that is in store for St Stephen's in the year ahead. I'm sure that it will be exciting.

With many thanks, Marion May



Here's a list of some items we most urgently need in our warehouse.

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS, CEREAL, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED RICE PUDDING, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, CREAM CRACKERS, TEA BAGS, WASHING UP LIQUID, SHABING FOAM OR GEL, SOAP AND NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

For the full current shopping:

[Updated-shopping-list-January-2023.pdf](#) or www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

Please note: The Foodbank are no longer accepting egg boxes.

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