

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Epiphany 3

Opening Hymn: 701 The kingdom of God

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4 P. Kennett
1 Corinthians 1:10-18 K. Maltby

Gradual Hymn: 214 God is love and where true love is

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Intercessions: M. Mandrell

Offertory Hymn:

O for a thousand tongues to sing (See over)

Communion Hymns: 147 Do not be afraid

677 Take my life

323 Jesus Christ is waiting

Final Hymn: 812 Will you come and follow me?



Next Sunday – 29th January - Candlemas

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5 P. Curtis
Hebrews 2:14-18 P. Curtis

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intercessions: P Curtis

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5 B. Cox
Hebrews 2:14-18 L. Dunmore

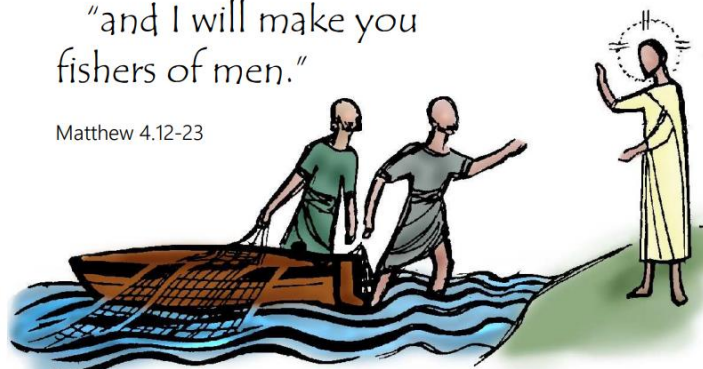
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intercessions: J. Gerrard



"Come, follow me,"
Jesus said,
"and I will make you
fishers of men."

Matthew 4.12-23



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.



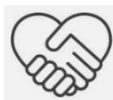
GOOD COMPANIONS

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



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

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

It's official!

Lindsey has fulfilled the requirements of her curacy.

After her meeting with Bishop Martin, it was confirmed that she has met the standards required by the Church of England and is now able to look for a post of first incumbency.

But don't start baking yet! She is going to be with us for some time, at least until the autumn, as she discerns the people and place that God is calling her to serve.

Please remember Lindsey, Ian and Henry in your prayers.

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...!

Lifelines

*"Oh, you should try that", some people say
In a very kind, well meaning way.*

*They throw a lifeline to cheer you on;
It is your decision to act upon.*

*Sometimes they want you to try something new,
Simply to bring out a different side of you*

*Or, they see perhaps you are looking 'down'
With, unknown to you, a troubled frown.*

*Our purpose in life brings laughter and tears;
God is on hand to help guide us through fears.*

*While a lifeline comes from those who care
You rarely get them in a pair.*

Teresa Charman

Offertory Hymn:

O for a thousand tongues to sing

- 1 *O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and king,
The triumphs of His grace!*
- 2 *My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of your name.*
- 3 *Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease-
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.*
- 4 *He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.*
- 5 *He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.*

Salvation Army Donations

Thanks to all who donated to the Salvation Army this Christmas. The sum of £140 was raised to help those in need locally. Margaret.

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](#)

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

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