

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 29th January 2023

Candlemas

Opening Hymn: 229 Good Christians all, rejoice!

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

Gradual Hymn: Mary and Joseph came to the temple
(see over)

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

Intercessions: J. Gerrard

Offertory Hymn: 772 We cannot measure

Communion Hymns: 703 The light of Christ

730 This is my body

813 Will you let me be your servant?

Final Hymn: Christ be our light (see over)



Next Sunday - 3 before lent

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a Clergy
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 R. Adams

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Intercessions: R. Adams

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a G. Hill
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 D. Anwyl-Hughes

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Intercessions: Clergy



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 meetings:

6th February - Marguerite Collins Madresfield - The True Brideshead / 20th February - Margaret Mandrell's Illustrated talk about her visit to Peru.

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



Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God saying, "Lord you are dismissing your servant in peace, for my own eyes have seen your salvation"

Luke 2.22-40



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.

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

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com or 07961 097497

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Team Kindness

*It costs nothing to be kind,
Was something my mother installed in my mind.
Meeting a team with the same belief,
For someone like me is a great relief.
After a number of visits I dared to ask,
Could I join the team and help with the task of setting up,
And preparing provisions for people who chose to come?
To enjoy drinks and treats that they really welcome.
There was no hesitation in accepting my request,
And now I've proudly joined the wonderful rest.*

Ann Tubby

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...!

Final Hymn: Christ be our Light (Candlemas version)

In deepest night, shadows are lifted
Now let your servant go forth in peace
Your Word fulfilled, your promise honoured
Love that will never cease!

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

With our own eyes, we see salvation
Within our hearts, we are set free
Your Word made flesh, hope of the nations
Light for the world to see!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts

Christ, be our hope! Christ, be our purpose!
Christ, be our vision, radiant and bright!
Christ, be our Way, shatt'ring our blindness
Gifting us with your sight!

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts ...

Gradual Hymn: Mary and Joseph came to the temple

*Mary and Joseph came to the temple,
Brought the boy Jesus, offered him there.
People were waiting, wanting to greet him,
Long had they sought him, solace for care.*

*Anna had prayed there, widowed, long waiting;
Worshipped God by day and by night.
Now she is praising, filled with elation;
Here is God's promise, Christ is her light.*

*Simeon sings now, God offers blessing,
Brilliantly gilding dawn of his day;
Light in our darkness, never extinguished,
Light of all nations, light up our way.*



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.