

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**3 before Lent**

**Opening Hymn: 619** Rejoice! The Lord is King

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

**Gradual Hymn: 821** You are salt for the earth  
(sing as Cantor & Refrain)

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 5:13-20

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** Clergy

**Offertory Hymn: 253** Here in this place

**Communion Hymns: 40** Amazing grace  
**556** O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
**143** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

**Final Hymn:** Great is thy faithfulness (See over)



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.

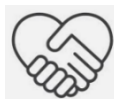


## GOOD COMPANIONS

Meet in Church at 2.30pm

### Next meetings:

6<sup>th</sup> February - Marguerite Collins Madresfield - The True Brideshead / 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

## Next Sunday – 2 before lent

### 8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3 J. Swindin  
Romans 8:18-25 J. Swindin

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

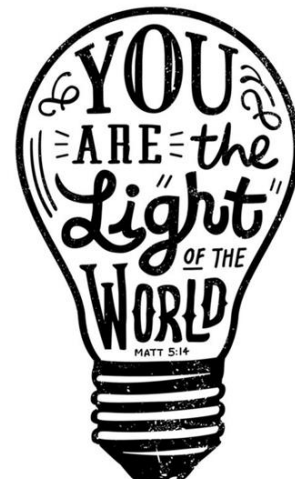
Intercessions: M. Mandrell

### 10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3 R. Scotson  
Romans 8:18-25 L. Niccolls

Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

Intercessions: V. Greenow



**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

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## **Pirate Pancake Party**

We're holding a joint event with Claines and St. Georges Churches on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 4.00-5.30pm at Claines Parish Hall, Cornmeadow Lane. Great for children of primary school age but siblings are welcome to join in the fun too. Prizes for the best dressed pirates! No need to book, just turn up.

## **Please save the date – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

### **Charity Sale in the BA hall**

Monies raised to help fund a classroom building project in Zambia. Books, clothes, toys, bric-a-brac and cakes for sale. Please come along to support if you can.

## **Final Hymn:**

### **Great is thy faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

*Great is Thy faithfulness....*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

*Great is Thy faithfulness....*

## **Lent Group 2023 – Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February**

This year we'll be studying 'A Cross in the Heart of God' by Samuel Wells.

Do please speak to Andy, Lindsey, or Margaret if you'd like to join in with this. We'll be meeting in church on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

## **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...!



**Here's a flavour of what's on our first shopping list of 2023 - a year that promises to bring immense challenges for many struggling households across our city.**

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).

Please no food that needs refrigerating as the Foodbank can't accept it.

You can download:

[Updated-shopping-list-January-2023.pdf](#)

or view the full list on our website:

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://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.**

