

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 12th February 2023

2 before Lent

Opening Hymn: 15 All creature of our God and King

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

Gradual Hymn: 98 Breathe on me, breath of God

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon

Intercessions: V. Greenow

Offertory Hymn: 394 Lord, you give the great commission

Communion Hymns:

218 God of day and God of darkness

633 Seek ye first

20 All heaven declares

Final Hymn: Lord, for the years (words overleaf)



Next Sunday – Sunday next before lent

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18 D. Fulbrook
2 Peter 1:16-21 D. Fulbrook

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Intercessions: M. Mandrell

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Exodus 24:12-18 P. Kendall
2 Peter 1:16-21 L. Trow-Poole

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth



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:

20th February - Margaret Mandrell's Illustrated talk on Peru.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am (10.45 for Tea/Coffee)

Next meeting: Monday 13th February

A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses and based in Gloucester. 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

Lent Group 2023 – Commencing 28th 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.

'Something a bit different for Lent'

An outdoor walk with prayer and devotion to draw us closer to God through creation.

Every Wednesday morning in Lent from 9.15 to 10.00. More details to follow next week but do speak to Lindsey if you're interested.

Saturday 4th March - 10.00am -12.30pm

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: Lord, for the Years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us - self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Pirate Pancake Party We're holding a joint event with Claines and St. Georges Churches on Saturday 4th 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.

Save the Dates! Two March Concerts!

Philomusica Concert - 18th March - 7.30pm

Hattie Amos & friends 25th March - 7.30pm

(Stand By Me, a fundraising concert celebrating the NHS). More details to follow on both concerts next week.

Talk – Dr John Duddington A talk will be given by Dr John Duddington Editor Law and Justice, the Christian Law Review on Thursday, February 23rd at 7.30pm in St George's RC Parish Hall, Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UG.

"Are Christians Denied Free Speech in Today's World"



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

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

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