

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

Visit our website [www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk](http://www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk) for information about services and forthcoming events

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Opening Hymn: 602** Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

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

**Gradual Hymn: 551** O raise your eyes on high

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** R. Holdsworth

**Offertory Hymn: 259** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty

**Communion Hymns:**

**487** Meekness and majesty

**125** Come down, O love divine

**666** Spirit of the living God

**Final Hymn: 568** O Lord my God, when I in awesome



Sunday next before Lent

**Next Sunday – Sunday next before lent**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19

Clergy  
K. Layton

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Intercessions: M. Mandrell

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19

L. Dunmore  
P. Kennett

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Intercessions: P. Kennett



Matthew 17:1-9



And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became a dazzling white.

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:**

20<sup>th</sup> February - Margaret Mandrell's Illustrated talk on Peru.

6<sup>th</sup> March - Kevin Maltby visits us again for more culture!



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**Next meeting:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)



**Church Services this coming week.**

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services . We will be taking a break from midweek Zoom services during the half term holiday (20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> February). We will be back on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**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

## **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.

## **'Something a bit different for Lent'**

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

Wednesday morning beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March, from 9.15-10.00. We'll meet in the Pump House Carpark WR1 3EZ, whatever the weather..... No limit on numbers – just turn up.

## **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Philomusica Concert - 18<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm**

### **St Stephen's Church.**

Choral music by Elgar, Parry, Vaughan Williams & Howard Goodall. Tickets from £10.

[tickets@philomusica.org.uk](mailto:tickets@philomusica.org.uk) or on the door.

Accompanied children under 16 are free.

## **World Day of Prayer - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

### **Claines Church.**

A service is being held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Claines church commencing at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

## **'Stand by Me' Concert - 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

### **St Stephen's Church.**

A varied programme sung by talented local performers and students. An opportunity to come together and share in our gratitude for the wonderful NHS. Opera, musical theatre and contemporary styles in the programme so there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

All proceeds to be donated to Endometriosis services in Worcestershire. Refreshments during the interval. Tickets (available on the door) - £10.

## **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.

**Zoom Services** A reminder that we'll be taking a break from midweek Zoom services during the half term holiday (20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February) but will be back with Morning Prayer on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**Talk - Dr John Duddington** A talk will be given by Dr John Duddington Editor Law and Justice, the Christian Law Review on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, SHAVING 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.**