

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 26th February 2023

Lent 1

Opening Hymn: 608 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7 L. Dunmore
Romans 5:12-19 P. Kennett

Gradual Hymn: 729 This day God gives me

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Intercessions: P. Kennett

Offertory Hymn: Jesus, tempted in the desert
(Words overleaf)

Communion Hymns:

147 Do not be afraid

350 Lead us from death to life

145 Deep within

Final Hymn: 158 Father, hear the prayer we offer



Next Sunday – Lent 2

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a J. Swindin
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 J. Swindin

Gospel: John 3.1-7

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Genesis 12.1-4a B. Cox
Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 N. Humphries

Gospel: John 3.1-7

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes



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 March – 'Five reasons I'm an Anglo-Saxon enthusiast'
by Kevin Maltby.

20th March – Afternoon tea
(Wild goose Rural Training Café)



"Worship the Lord your God
and serve only him"

Matthew 4:1-11

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meeting: Monday 27th 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



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

Lent Group 2023

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 or if you require a book. First meeting in church this Tuesday (28th Feb) 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.

First meeting this Wednesday (1st March) from 9.15-10.00.

Meet in the Pump House Carpark WR1 3EZ, whatever the weather..... just turn up!

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.

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.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March

Claines Church.

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

Philomusica Concert - 18th March - 7.30pm

St Stephen's Church.

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

tickets@philomusica.org.uk or on the door.

Accompanied children under 16 are free.

Bulb Planting Events - 4th & 11th March

10am-12.30pm.

Bulb planting to commemorate a loved one, to celebrate or just to enhance our churchyard - with chosen flowers. Please bring along a trowel. Refreshments available.

Offertory Hymn

Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'

Jesus, tempted, at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break you fall!'
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test.'

Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!'

When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

