Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

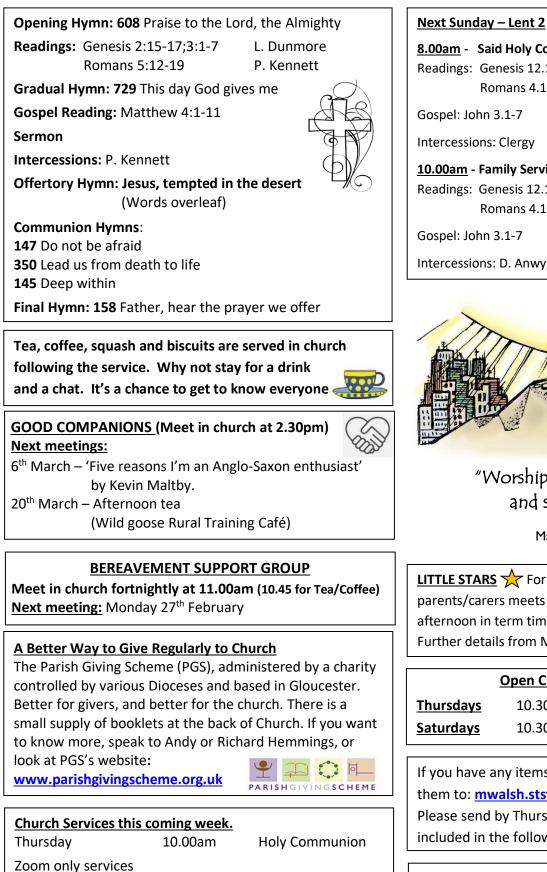
Sunday 26th February 2023

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am

5.30pm

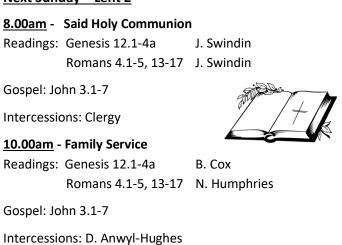
Tuesday & Thursday

Lent 1



Morning Prayer

Evening Prayer





"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him"

Matthew 4:1-11

<u>LITTLE STARS</u> For babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers meets in church every Thursday $\frac{1}{2}$ afternoon in term time from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. \mathcal{M} Further details from Michelle Walsh (details below)

Open Church

10.30am - 12.30pm 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

This year we'll being 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 <u>this Tuesday</u> (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 <u>this Wednesday</u> (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.

<u>Philomusica Concert - 18th March - 7.30pm</u> <u>St Stephen's Church.</u>

Choral music by Elgar, Parry, Vaughan Williams & Howard Goodall. Tickets from £10. <u>tickets@philomusica.org.uk</u> 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 being 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.

