

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Lent 3

**Opening Hymn: 21** All my hope on God is founded

**Readings:** Exodus 17.1-7      K. Maltby  
Romans 5.1-11      R. Scotson

**Gradual Hymn: 98** Breathe on me, breath of God

**Gospel Reading:** John 4.5-27

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** V. Greenow

**Offertory Hymn:** The Lord's my shepherd  
(See over - Stuart Townend version)

**Communion Hymns: 703** The light of Christ  
**54** As the deer pants for the water  
**399** Love is His word

**Final Hymn: 746** To God with gladness sing [Tune *Ye Holy Angels Bright*]



**Next Sunday – Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 1.20-28      D. Fulbrook  
Colossians 3.12-17      D. Fulbrook

**Gospel:** John 19.25b-27

**Intercessions:** M. Mandrell

**10.00am - Family Service**

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 1.20-28      L. Dunmore  
Colossians 3.12-17      P. Kendall

**Gospel:** John 19.25b-27

**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:**

**20<sup>th</sup> March** - Afternoon tea at Wild Goose café

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** - Bango Brian Revisits



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**Next meetings:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**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)



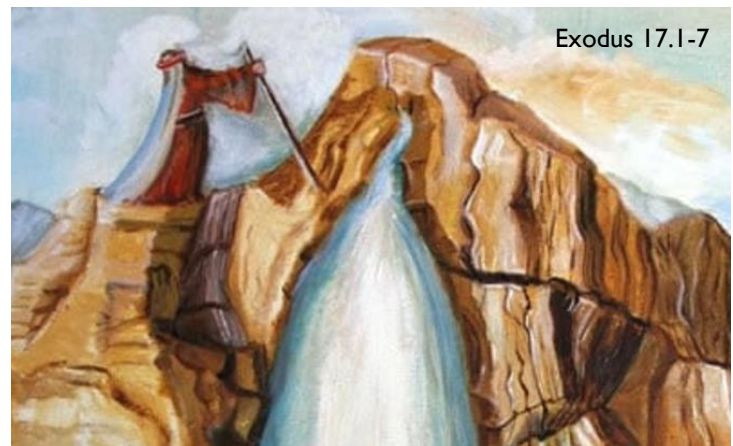
**Church Services this coming week.**

Thursday      10.00am      Holy Communion

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am      Morning Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm      Evening Prayer



Jesus said "Strike the rock, and water will come"

**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

**Zambia Table Top Sale.** Huge thanks to all who supported the sale for Zambia, those who sold, donated, baked, made drinks, and bought some of the goods. The total is now an amazing **£941** with some special items going to auction. It will make such a difference to those children who will benefit for years to come.

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

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.

## **Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 11.00am.**

This service is the primary gathering of diocesan clergy for worship together during which ministerial vows are renewed and oils are blessed for use in our churches. Clergy with permission to officiate, readers, ALMs and churchwardens are also invited as are any other members of our congregations, so do please join us if you're able to. It's a wonderful way to begin Holy Week. A simple lunch is provided after the service, but numbers *are* required for catering so if you would like to stay on for this, please let Andy or Lindsey know by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

## ***The Lord is my Shepard***

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

### ***Chorus***

***And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home***

He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights

### ***(Repeat Chorus)***

And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me  
And Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know

### ***(Repeat Chorus)***

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

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.

***'Veiling' during Lent.*** You may have noticed that the crosses, crucifixes, statues and some other images have been covered with purple cloth. These will remain in place throughout the season of Lent until Easter. Why do we do this? 'Veiling' as it's called is an ancient tradition, although some churches do it only towards the end of Lent. It's a stark visual reminder that all the glory in our faith - which we represent through these crucifixes and images - comes only because of what Christ suffered for us. It's also a way of simplifying things so that our attention is especially focused on Jesus during these weeks. This reflects the way many people give things up during Lent, ideally to make space for a greater focus on God, and it also creates a sense of anticipation. We want the veils to be removed, and that reminds us of the glory which God has in store for us, which we long for. As St Paul said, 'Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.' (1 Corinthians 13.12) The veils will be dramatically removed for Easter, as we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus, and the hope he brings.



## **Here's a flavour of our shopping list of 2023**

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).

***Easter Treats! The Foodbank will also be giving out Easter treats soon, so please donate any Easter treats if you can.***



[Updated-shopping-list-January-2023.pdf](https://www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk)

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