

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 19th March 2023

Opening Hymn: 684 Tell out my soul

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

Gradual Hymn: 88 Blest are the pure in heart

Gospel Reading: John 19.25b-27

Sermon

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth

Offertory Hymn: 15 All creatures of our God and King

Communion Hymns:

478 Make me a channel of your peace

640 She sits like a bird

680 Take this moment

Final Hymn: Our Father God in heaven (see overleaf)
[tune O Jesus I have promised]



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.

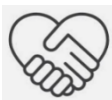


GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

Next meetings:

20th March - Afternoon tea at Wild Goose café

3rd April - Banjo Brian Revisits



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: Monday 27th March

Monday 10th 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



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

Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday

Next Sunday – Lent 5

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14

Clergy

Romans 8.6-11

K. Layton

Gospel: John 11.1-45

Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14

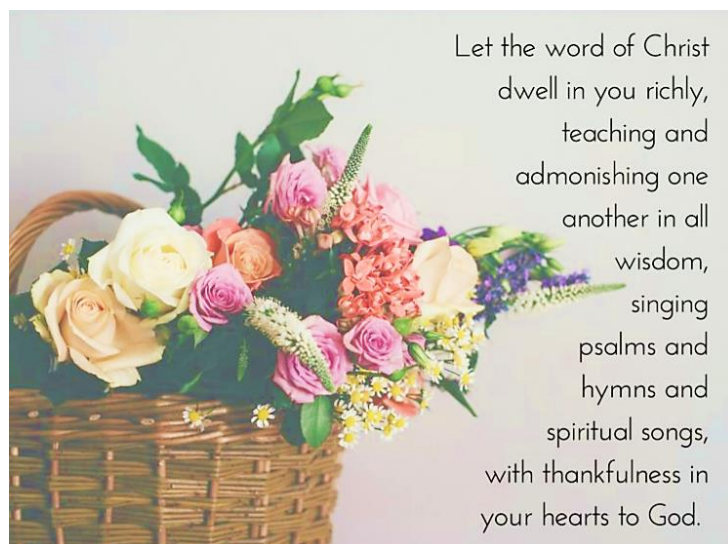
R. Goddard

Romans 8.6-11

N. Wake

Gospel: John 11.1-45

Intercessions: J. Gerrard



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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

Zambia Table Top Sale. Huge thanks to all who supported the sale for Zambia, those who sold, donated, baked, made drinks, and bought goods. The total is now reached over **£1000!** It will make such a difference to those children who will benefit for years to come.

Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral

Monday 3rd 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 23rd March.

OUR FATHER GOD IN HEAVEN

ON WHOM OUR WORLD DEPENDS,
TO YOU LET PRAISE BE GIVEN
FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS;
FOR PARENTS, SISTERS, BROTHERS,
A HOME WHERE LOVE BELONGS,
BUT ON THIS DAY FOR MOTHERS
WE BRING OUR THANKFUL SONGS.

WHAT WEALTH OF GOD'S BESTOWING
FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SHARE!
WHAT STRENGTH OF HEART OUTGOING
TO CHILDREN EVERYWHERE!
OUR DEEPEST JOYS AND SORROWS
A MOTHER'S PATH MUST TRACE,
AND EARTH'S UNKNOWN TOMORROWS
ARE HELD IN HER EMBRACE.

HOW WELL WE KNOW THE STORY
THAT TELLS OF JESUS' BIRTH,
THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S GLORY
BECOME A CHILD OF EARTH;
A HELPLESS INFANT SLEEPING,
YET KING OF REALMS ABOVE,
TO FIND IN MARY'S KEEPING
THE WARMTH OF HUMAN LOVE.

OUR FATHER GOD IN HEAVEN,
TO YOU WE LIFT OUR PRAYER,
THAT EVERY CHILD BE GIVEN
SUCH TENDERNESS AND CARE,
WHERE LIFE IS ALL FOR OTHERS,
WHERE LOVE YOUR LOVE DISPLAYS:
FOR GOD'S GOOD GIFT OF MOTHERS
LET EARTH UNITE IN PRAISE!

'Stand by Me' Concert - 25th 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.

Ouderdom

*Let no-one say we're over the hill,
There's plenty of vroom in both of us still.
Our joints creak as we get in our car,
And our sight be dim if we focus too far.*

*And as for our teeth – it's a bit of a grapple,
To bite with relish into a crisp juicy apple.
Our skin may sag a bit around the chin,
But no-one notices if you wear a broad grin.*

*Our faces are etched and each deep line,
Signifies maturity, like a rich red wine.
Our eyebrows wear a permanent look of surprise,
As they point to the hairline above our eyes.*

*But we still have our hair and that's more than can be said,
About some ageing contemporaries with bald shiny heads.
Our memory sometimes fails us, we mutter "Oh please,
Can someone tell me where I've put those damn keys!"*

*So I thought ouderdom is trying to make us slow,
We still have enough of our get up and go.
To live life to the full in our very own way,
Make the best that we can of it – each special day.*

Anne Tubby 2010



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, SHABING 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](#)

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