

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Lent 5**

**Opening Hymn: 113** Christ triumphant

**Readings:** Ezekiel 37.1-14 R. Goddard  
Romans 8.6-11 N. Wake

**Gradual Hymn: 167** Father we love you

**Gospel Reading:** John 11.1-45

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** J. Gerrard

**Offertory Hymn:** There's a wideness in God's mercy  
(see overleaf)

**Communion Hymns: 355** Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
**272** I am the bread of Life  
**125** Come down O Love divine

**Final Hymn: 832** On eagle's wings



**Next Sunday – Palm Sunday**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a J. Swindin  
Philippians 2.5-11 J. Swindin

Gospel: The Passion (according to Matthew)

Intercessions: Clergy



**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a G. Hill  
Philippians 2.5-11 M. Orton

Gospel: The Passion (according to Matthew)

Intercessions: P Kennett

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:**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> April** - Andy Wildman - Deansway 600yds of history (illustrated talk)



John 11.1-45

Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go'

**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)



**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

**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

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## **Easter Spring Clean**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2.00-4.30pm**

Calling for any willing volunteers to help with a pre-Easter clean on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm -4.30pm. Please feel free to just turn up and grab a duster! Many thanks, Iris.

## **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 reached over **£1100!** It will make such a difference to those children who will benefit for years to come.

## **Offertory Hymn**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more keenly felt than heaven:  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.*

*For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make God's love too narrow  
by false limits of our own,  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.*

*There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head.*

*There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.*

*If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be illumined,  
by the glory of the Lord.*

## **A Few Words of Thanks**

***A few words of thanks ~***

***To those who helped by making tea  
And being there amongst the dust,  
Or that simply felt they should or must.***

***A few words of thanks ~***

***To those who work in homes that care,  
Looking after ones passing through final years  
While saving relative sanity and many tears.***

***A few words of thanks ~***

***To those who listened without judging  
To woes and outbursts of awful wrath,  
Or shared the need for a jolly good laugh.***

***A few words of thanks ~***

***To those who now give time to visit  
Ones whose memories play cruel games ~  
Bringing moments of cheer to all their names.***

***A few words of thanks ~***

***To those who tried so hard to find  
And helped to see that very dim light  
At tunnel end, growing slowly bright.***

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## **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).

Please no food that needs refrigerating as the Foodbank can't accept it.

## **Easter Treats!**

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



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)

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

