

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday

Opening Hymn: 17 All glory, laud and honour

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

Gradual Hymn: 623 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Gospel: The Passion (according to Matthew)

Sermon

Intercessions: P Kennett

Offertory Hymn: 187 The Servant King

Communion Hymns:

503 My song is love unknown (omitting verses 2 & 6)

801 When I survey the wondrous cross

71 Be still and know that I am God

Final Hymn: 606 Praise to the holiest in the height (2nd tune)



Next Sunday – Easter Sunday

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 31.1-6 R. Adams
Acts 10.34-43 Clergy

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Intercessions: R. Adams

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Jeremiah 31.1-6 N. Humphries
Acts 10.34-43 K. Maltby

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Intercessions: M. Mandrell



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:

3rd April - Banjo Brian Revisits

17th April - Andy Wildman - Deansway 600yds of history



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

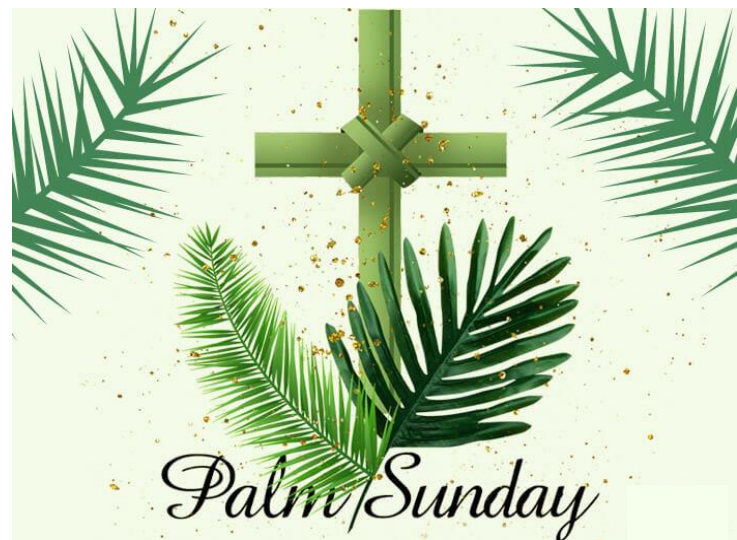
The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses and based in Gloucester. Better for givers, and better for the church. There is a small supply of booklets at the back of Church.

Church Services this coming week - Easter

Tuesday 2 nd April	7.30pm	Stations of the cross
Thursday 6 th April	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 6 th April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
Friday 7 th April	8.45am	Walk of Witness
Friday 7 th April	2.00pm	Good Friday
Saturday 8 th April	7.00pm	Holy Saturday

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday	8.20am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer



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

Easter Spring Clean

Thursday 6th April 2.00-4.30pm

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

Rubble Removal Assistance

We are seeking some fit and/or 'younger persons' to assist remove the rubble from under the Hall Stage on 12th-13th April (Wednesday to Thursday after Easter weekend). If you can help, please email Adrian Everett on: adrian_d_everett@hotmail.com

Electoral Roll

Under Church Representation Rules the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised each year before the APCM. The revision for 2023 will take place before the 7th of May. The revised Roll will then come into force for the APCM in mid to late May.

Anybody who wishes to be a candidate **or to vote** for Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members to represent this Congregation and Parish **must be on the Electoral Roll.**

As this is a revision, new application forms need only be filled in if members have changed name, address or contact details in the last 2 years, or if members of the congregation wish to join the Electoral Roll having joined our Church. Forms are available at the back of Church along with a box for completed forms.

Please see Paul Kennett for further details if necessary.

Pastoral Support Group

Are you feeling isolated or lonely? Would you appreciate a call from our Pastoral Support Group?

If so, just let Andy or Lindsey know and they'll arrange for someone to be in touch with you.

This year's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

This year's APCM will take place on Sunday 14th May, immediately after the 10.00am service. Everyone with an interest in the life and activity of the church is warmly encouraged to attend.

A Few Words of Thanks

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*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, SHABING FOAM OR GEL, SOAP AND NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

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](#)

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