

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Easter 2**

**Opening Hymn: 233** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

**Readings:** Exodus 14.10-31, 15.20,21 D. Anwyl-Hughes  
Acts 2.14a, 22-32 L. Dunmore

**Gradual Hymn: 326** Jesus is Lord! Creations voice proclaims it

**Gospel:** John 20.19-31

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** D. Anwyl- Hughes

**Offertory Hymn: 98** Breathe on me breath of God

**Communion Hymns: 666** Spirit of the living God

**54** As the deer pants for the water

**111** Christ is the world's light

**Final Hymn: 183** Forth in the peace of Christ (2nd tune)



**Next Sunday – Easter 3**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 P. Curtis  
Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Clergy

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

Intercessions: P. Curtis

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 V. Todd  
Acts 2.14a, 36-41 L. Trow-Poole

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

Intercessions: J. Gerrard



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:**

**17<sup>th</sup> April** - Andy Wildman - Deansway 600yds of history (illustrated talk). **15<sup>th</sup> May** - Richard Poppleton anecdotes about his work as a Magistrate.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**Next meetings:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**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)



Thomas answered him,  
'My Lord and my 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](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**

We will be taking a short break from Midweek Zoom services. We will resume on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## **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.

## **A request from Sheryl Chudley who heads the pastoral work at City Church**

A request has been made through the organisation Welcome Churches (<https://welcomechurches.org/>) from a charity called Migrant Help (<https://www.migranthelpuk.org/>) Worcester has about 160 single male migrants being housed in the City and they are in need of clothing. They specifically need new underwear in small or medium sizes and other men's clothes which can be second hand. Any items you can offer can be delivered directly to The Fownes Hotel, or contact Sheryl Chudley 07912352697, who can collect them from you.

## **This year's APCM**

### **(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)**

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

## **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.



## **Here are a few of the items needed from the 2023 shopping list.**

CEREAL, NOODLE POTS, CREAM CRACKERS, WET & DRY DOG FOOD, MIXED HERBS, TOMATO PUREE, TOMATO/BROWN SAUCE, TEA, COFFEE, UNISEX TOILETRIES, NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

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

**THERE IS A FULL SHOPPING LIST IN THE PORCH OT HAVE A LOOK AT THIER WEBISTE FOR OTHER WAYS TO DONATE OR HELP.**

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)

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

