

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**Easter 3**

**Opening Hymn: 195** Glorious things of thee are spoken

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

**Gradual Hymn: 275** I danced in the morning

**Gospel:** Luke 24.13-35

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** J. Gerrard

**Offertory Hymn: 40** Amazing grace

**Communion Hymns: 253** Gather us in  
**147** Do not be afraid

**359** Let us break bread together

**Final Hymn: 654** Sing of the Lord's goodness



## **Next Sunday – Easter 4**

### **8.00am – Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Genesis 7 Clergy  
Acts 2.42-47 K. Layton

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Intercessions: Clergy

### **10.00am – Family Service**

Readings: Genesis 7 R. Scotson  
Acts 2.42-47 P. Kennett

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Intercessions: Clergy



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:**

**15<sup>th</sup> May** - Richard Poppleton anecdotes about his work as a Magistrate.

**5<sup>th</sup> June** - Howard Robinson talk (topic tbc)



## **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)



## **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



Luke 24.13-35

**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

## **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 10am service. Everyone with an interest in the life and activity of the church is warmly encouraged to attend.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **OPEN CHURCH – SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY – CORONATION**

We are planning to open the Church from about 10:00am - 1:00pm, so that anyone, who would like to, can join us to watch the Coronation on our big screen.

The usual tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring a very small contribution of food to share (cold food that can be eaten with fingers, please).

It would be helpful to have a rough idea of numbers, so if you are thinking of joining us, please would you let Sue Gething know.

You are still welcome to join us on the day, though, even if you don't tell us beforehand. We look forward to your company and celebrating with you.

## **Bev Cox - Birthday Celebrations**

### **In the Hall - After 10.00am service (today)**

Congratulations to Bev Cox on her special day! Please do come and join us in the BA Hall for after service refreshments and to celebrate Bev's special birthday. All are very welcome!

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

A request has been made through the organisation Welcome Churches 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 and 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.

## **Easter Blessings from Adrina and Alan Price.**

Adrina and Alan sent a card to all at St Stephen's: "Thinking of you at Easter, and saying a special prayer, that God will always be with you and keep you in His care. He is Risen - Halleluia!" Adrina also mentioned that she doesn't find it very easy to write at the moment, so please forgive her if she doesn't respond to any messages immediately! They are thinking of us all fondly.

**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).

**THERE IS A FULL SHOPPING LIST IN THE PORCH. PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AT THEIR WEBSITE 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.**