

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 30th April 2023

Easter 4

Opening Hymn: 547 O praise ye the Lord

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

Gradual Hymn: 475 Loving shepherd of thy sheep

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Sermon

Intercessions: Clergy

Offertory Hymn: 158 Father, hear the prayer we offer

Communion Hymns: The Lord's my shepherd, and I will trust (Townend – See overleaf)

680 Take this moment, sign and space

358 Let there be love shared among us

Final Hymn: 22 All people that on earth do well



Next Sunday – Easter 5

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 7 R. Adams
Acts 2.42-47 Clergy

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Intercessions: R. Adams

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Genesis 7 R. Goddard
Acts 2.42-47 P. Kendall

Gospel: John 10.1-10

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth



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:

15th May - Richard Poppleton anecdotes about his work as a Magistrate.

5th June - Howard Robinson talk (topic tbc)



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: Monday 8th May

Monday 22nd 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



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

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 17th April.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

This year's APCM

(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)

This year's APCM will take place on Sunday 14th 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 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.

The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone

And I will trust in You alone

For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness

And He anoints my head with oil

And my cup it overflows with joy

I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path

I will not fear the evil one

For You are with me

And Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know

Bev Cox Birthday - Thank You!

"Many thanks to you all for celebrating with me, for your cards and good wishes on my 80th birthday, it was very kind. Also a huge "thank you" to the ladies providing the refreshments for us in the hall – it proved to be quite a mammoth task! Many Thanks. Bev.

OPEN CHURCH – SATURDAY 6TH 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.

Monday 8th May 2023 – Coronation Bank Holiday

Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm – In the churchyard

The day has been set aside for volunteering and is being billed as "The Big Help Out".

We'll be assisted by 187 Squadron ATC cadets in providing afternoon tea to anyone who'd like to join us and we'd be delighted to hear from you if you can provide a simple tray of sandwiches or bake a cake for the event.

Please speak to Andy or Lindsey.

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.

SAVE THE DATE...

Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23rd September

More details to follow but save the date for now.