

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Easter 5

**Opening Hymn: 21** All my hope on God is founded

**Readings:** 1 Peter 2:2-10 R. Goddard  
Acts 2.42-47 P. Kendall

**Gradual Hymn: 364** Lift up your heads

**Gospel:** John 14.1-14

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** R. Holdsworth

**Offertory Hymn:** Lord, for the years (words overleaf)

**Communion Hymns:**

**70** Be still and know (Bell) (Choir to lead)

**42** An upper room did our Lord prepare

**536** O Jesus, I have promised

**Final Hymn: 286** I vow to thee my country



**Next Sunday – Easter 6**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Genesis 8.20-9.17 M. Mandrell  
Acts 17.22-31 M. Mandrell

Gospel: John 14.15-21

Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Genesis 8.20-9.17 L. Nicolls  
Acts 17.22-31 G. Hill

Gospel: John 14.15-21

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:**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> June** - Howard Robinson talk on Felix Mendelssohn.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

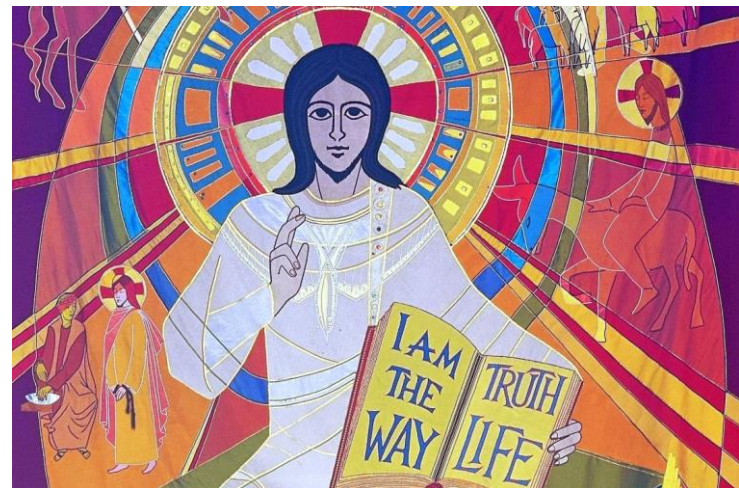
**Next meetings:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 22<sup>nd</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)



**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



**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

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 next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, **during** the 10.00am service. Everyone with an interest in the life and activity of the church is warmly encouraged to attend. **We will hope to elect the following:** 2 Church Wardens; 3 PCC Members; and 3 Deanery Synod Representatives. Nominations for the Church Wardens need to be lodged before the APCM, and it would be helpful to have nominations for the other roles before the meeting, too. Forms are available, please speak to Paul Kennett or Andy if you have any questions about procedure.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Coronation BH 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

## **Lord, for the Years**

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.*

*Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.*

*Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.*

*Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*

**Cake Sale for Christian Aid- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
As it is Christian Aid week, we are selling cake after the service on 14<sup>th</sup> May. All contributions of cake will be gratefully received.

## **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. Thank you all so much, Bev.

## **Join us at KINGDOM ARTS - Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> St George's Church**

We begin with coffee at 9.30am and worship at 10.00am. This is followed by a time of getting creative using a great variety of art expressions, music, creative writing, painting, needlework as well as lots of chatting! The morning finishes with a delicious soup lunch at 12.30pm.

We are continuing our theme of "Heroes of the Faith". Come along and see what we do and discover who this month's Christian hero is. Only one more Gathering in June before we break for the Summer so don't miss out!

## **Deanery Celebration for Ascension Day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

St. Philip & St. James Church, Main Road, Hallow, WR2 6PW. Car Parking available next to the church. All are welcome.



## **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 OR ON WEBSITE: [www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)**

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

## **SAVE THE DATE.....**

**Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

More details to follow but save the date for now.