

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 21st May 2023

Easter 7

Opening Hymn: 37 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Readings: Ezekiel 36.24-28 L. Dunmore
Acts 1.6-14 D. Anwyl Hughes

Gradual Hymn: 20 All heaven declares

Gospel: John 17.1-11

Sermon

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes

Offertory Hymn: 215 God is love, his the care

Communion Hymns:

260 Holy Spirit, hear us (choir to lead)

147 Do not be afraid

386 Lord of all hopefulness

Final Hymn: 688 The church's one foundation



Next Sunday – Pentecost

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 J. Swindin
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 J. Swindin

Gospel: John 7.37-39

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Acts 2.1-21 B. Cox
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 R. Holdsworth

Gospel: John 7.37-39

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:

5th June - Howard Robinson talk on Felix Mendelssohn.

19th June - Talk/Event to be confirmed



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: Monday 22nd May

Monday 5th June

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



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

John 17



*He looked up to heaven and said
'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son
so that the Son may glorify you'*

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

Christian Aid Cake Sale

Thanks to everyone who made cakes and supported the cake sale last Sunday. The total raised so far is £400 but there is still time to make a donation for this worthwhile cause.

A Thank You from Hattie Amos/ Stand By Me Concert

Hattie would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that came to the 'Stand by Me' concert in support of Endometriosis and the NHS. The night was a great success raising an amazing £1000. All proceeds to be donated to Endometriosis services in Worcestershire.

A Folk Concert for Christian Aid - Saturday 3rd June – St Georges Church – 7.30-9.30pm

Tickets £10 to include refreshments can be obtained from Alison Clarke – 07917 890183 or clarke.alison@gmail.com

Help dreams come true for communities in Malawi this Christian Aid week.

Eco-Curious? Are you thinking about joining the A Rocha Eco Church scheme?

Fernhill Heath Baptist Church Invites churches to come & ask questions, share their experiences, pick-up ideas and enjoy fellowship. **Saturday 10th June 2023, 10am – 3pm at Fernhill Heath Baptist Church Worcester WR3 8RL.** Tea & coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch Register by 1st June to reserve a place at:

admin@fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk

Plants for the Autumn Fayre

In preparation for the Autumn fayre, Chis Allen will be focusing on biennials such as Wallflower and Sweet Williams or potted up self-seeded perennials. If anyone would like to sow a tray, Chris will gladly accept any offerings.



SAVE THE DATE.....

Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23rd September

More details to follow but save the date for now.

Thy Kingdom Come 2023 – Sunday 21st May **St Paul's Church Worcester WR1 2BH**

Theme: Power & Witness

6pm – arrival and drinks for a 6.30pm start.

A united prayer and worship gathering as the Church prepares for Pentecost.

All are welcome.

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.

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.migranthehelpuk.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.



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

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