

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 11th June 2023

Trinity 1

Opening Hymn: 772 We cannot measure

Readings: Job 29.11-16 V. Greenow
Galatians 2.1-10 D. Anwyl-Hughes

Gradual Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us (over)

Gospel: John 15:12-17

Sermon

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes

Offertory Hymn: 143 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion Hymns:

115 Christ's is the world (Choir)
179 For the healing of the nations
98 Breathe on me, breath of God

Final Hymn: 40 Amazing Grace!



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:

19th June - Cream tea and chat.

3rd July - Minibus Trip to Tewkesbury - Must sign up.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: Monday 19th June

Monday 3rd July

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

Next Sunday – Trinity 2

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 19.2-8 D. Fulbrook
Romans 5.1-8 D. Fulbrook

Gospel: John 15.12-17

Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Exodus 19.2-8 M. Orton
Romans 5.1-8 V. Todd

Gospel: John 15.12-17

Intercessions: P. Kennett



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

Announcement from Andy

Many of you will already be aware it has just been announced that I have been appointed Diocesan Secretary/Chief Executive for the diocese of Worcester, and so will sadly be standing down as vicar of St Stephen's. It's been an incredibly difficult decision to make, but my hope is that I will be able to make a real difference in supporting the many churches in the diocese, and especially those which are facing enormous challenges. There will be plenty of time to say *au revoir*, but I do want to thank you all so much for all the care given to me, Viv, Jamie and Debbie during our eight years at St Stephen's. My last Sunday will be 30th July 2023.

To ALL Volunteers – Safeguarding

If you are a volunteer at church, no matter your role, we will require you to read some new information on safeguarding. This information can be found on the shelf in the HB room inside a blue folder. Please take a few minutes to read this (there is nothing complicated) and let Carol Amos (or Michelle Walsh) know you have done so for church records. If you would like a copy emailed you can ask either of us. Many thanks.

Worcester Show - Saturday 13th August

Save the date – more information to follow. In the meantime, if you're free and would like to volunteer help, do please let Andy or Lindsey know. We will also be giving away 'Happy Face' biscuits and would be happy to receive any donations you're able to make.

SAVE THE DATE.....

Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23rd September

More details to follow but save the date for now. In preparation, if anyone would like to sow a tray (Biennials such as Wallflower and Sweet Williams or potted up self-seeded perennials). Chris Allen will gladly accept any offerings.

Refugee Week

During Refugee week St Andrews Methodist Church, in conjunction with Worcester City Welcomes Refugees are showing a film called FLEE - a harrowing and hopeful animated documentary of an Afghan refugee's recreations of home. The film will be shown at St. Andrew's Church in Pump Street, WR1 2QT, on **Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm** with refreshments available from 7pm – entry is free.

Gradual Hymn

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make of us His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father's heart with pain is torn,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many into glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
Our sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was our sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought us life –
We know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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).

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

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

