

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 18th June 2023

Trinity 2

Opening Hymn: 701 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

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

Gradual Hymn: 163 Father of heaven, whose love profound

Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.8

Sermon

Intercessions: P. Kennett

Offertory Hymn: 394 Lord, you give the great commission

Communion Hymns: 359 Let us break bread together (Choir)

32 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

677 Take my life, and let it be

Final Hymn: One more step along the world I go (Over)



Next Sunday – Trinity 3

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-13 K. Layton
Romans 6.1b-11 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 10.24-39

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Jeremiah 20.7-13 R. Goddard
Romans 6.1b-11 L. Trow-Poole

Gospel: Matthew 10.24-39

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:

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



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 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 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.

A message from Ruth and Kevin

We'd like to thank all those people who spoke to us after the service last Sunday. Since several 'regulars' were unable to attend, we'd like to repeat the following request:

In order to avoid unnecessary speculation or confusion, if you have any questions or thoughts about the forthcoming vacancy, would you please direct them to one of us.

In addition, the PCC will be meeting with our archdeacon in July to plan our next steps and we promise to keep everyone updated.

Thanks, Ruth and Kevin.

SAVE THE DATE...

- Worcester Show - Saturday 13th August
- Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23rd September

More details to follow but save the dates for now.

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.

Final Hymn

*One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

*Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

*As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

*Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

*You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*