

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 25th June 2023

Trinity 3

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

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

Gradual Hymn: **638** Sent by the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 10.24-39

Sermon

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth

Offertory Hymn: **608** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Communion Hymns:

299 All that is hidden (Choir)

813 Will you let me be your servant?

147 Do not be afraid

Final Hymn: **812** Will you come and follow me?



Next Sunday – Trinity 4

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 28.5-9 J. Swindin
Romans 6.12-23 J. Swindin

Gospel: Matthew 10.40-42

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Jeremiah 28.5-9 L. Nicolls
Romans 6.12-23 B. Cox

Gospel: Matthew 10.40-42

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes

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:

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

10th July - Extra treat! - Andy and Pat Kendall has invited Good Companions to their garden for afternoon tea. Transport by cars.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: Monday 3rd July / Monday 17th 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

Take Up
Your Cross



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.

A message from Iris

Iris Crittenden would like to say a personal note of thanks for all the care and kindness she has received recently from the St Stephen's family while she has been recovering from her injury. Your support has made an enormous difference to her well-being and she is now looking forward to a much brighter summer!

SAVE THE DATE.....

Worcester Show - Saturday 13th August

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 are also accepting donations of 'happy face' biscuits.

Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23rd September

More details to follow but save the date for now.

A message from Ruth and Kevin

We'd like to thank all those people who have spoken to us after recent Sunday services. Since several 'regulars' were not in attendance, 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.

Summer Church Clean

Could you help us for an hour on Friday 30th June between 9.30 and 11.30 to clean the church? We are a bit short on numbers at the moment. If you can help we would love to hear from you. Many thanks, Ruth.

ruth.scotson@gmail.com

Jesse Bunn - Gardening Maintenance Service

I am currently looking for work within the local area (to help raise funds for inter-rail travel in Europe). Myself and a friend have started this business to help the local community (and their gardens) as summer approaches.

I have three months experience and ten (and growing) trusted clients in Worcester.

I will be working up until August.

Prices – Free to come and take a look/ chat about your needs. Happy to negotiate pricing.

Jobs covered include: Weeding, planting, trimming, mowing, watering, grouting, cleaning paths, tidying sheds and painting.

If you think I can be of service, please contact me on: 07701 248229/ jcbunn3000@gmail.com

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.

