

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Trinity 6**

Opening Hymn: **326** Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it

Readings: Isaiah 55.10-13      V. Greenow  
Romans 8.1-11                  L. Nicolls

Gradual Hymn: **131** Come Praise the Lord

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Sermon

Intercessions: V. Greenow

Offertory Hymn: **536** O Jesus I have promised

Communion Hymns:

**350** Lead us from death to life (Choir)

**143** Dear Lord & Father

**71** Be still and know that I am God

Final Hymn: **139** Crown him with many crowns



**Next Sunday – Trinity 7**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 44.6-8                  D. Fulbrook  
Romans 8.12-25                          D. Fulbrook

Gospel: Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Isaiah 44.6-8                  K. Maltby  
Romans 8.12-25                          G. Hill

Gospel: Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

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:**

We will be taking a break until **4<sup>th</sup> September** – When Anne Lawrence will be talking about a Project in Africa.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

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

**Next meetings:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)



**Church Services this coming week.**

Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
<b>Zoom only services</b>		
Monday & Wednesday	8.20am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer

**Matthew 13.4**



As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

**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](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

## **To ALL Volunteers – Safeguarding**

If you are a volunteer at church, no matter your role, we require you to read some information on safeguarding. This information can be found on the shelf in the HB room inside a blue folder. If you would like a copy emailed you can ask either Michelle or Carol Amos. Many thanks.

## **HAVE A HOLIDAY AND HELP THE CHURCH**

Furnished holiday cottage at Newlyn (Penzance). Sea front, fully furnished, 2 bedrooms with all bedding etc. 60 yds from the beach and close parking. Penzance railway station 1 mile. For pictures TR18 5PW 1, Art Gallery Terrace. At least £100 per booking we will give to the church. Call Nigel or Diana Wake for more details - 01905 356942 / 07887762154

## **Praying for Growth**

Last week, the Diocese launched a dedicated period of prayer that our churches will grow both spiritually and numerically over the coming years. We pray that more people will come to know the love of Jesus and join us in our life and worship; as well as continuing to pray for our parishes, schools and all those who are already part of the Diocese. There are some Praying for Growth prayer cards at the back of church. Do please take one for inclusion in your own reflections and prayers.



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

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

If anyone would to volunteer to help at the Autumn fayre (who hasn't already offered) then please let Lindsey, Michelle, Ruth or Kevin know. If anyone would like to join our next fayre planning meeting we will be meeting in church at 4pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Raffle Prizes** - If anyone was able to donate a raffle prize or even offer a suggestion/idea of anyone or a business who maybe willing to offer a raffle prize, please email Michelle. Also, if anyone had any spare bunting they would be willing to donate or lend, please bring to church in a named bag. Thank you.

## **Serving Team.**

It's wonderful to see the many ways in which people bring their gifts to enhance our collective worship, through welcoming, music, reading and leading intercessions, providing refreshments, and in many other ways, too. One area in which it would be especially helpful to have some more support would be in the Serving Team, which helps to set up around the altar and assists with the smooth running of the Eucharist. David Anwyl-Hughes has very generously led this aspect recently, but to support Lindsey especially as the church moves into vacancy it would be fantastic to have some more hands on deck. There is a range of important but not difficult tasks, and it is absolutely something for which no previous experience is required, as training is provided! If you might be able to help, please speak to David or Lindsey.

## **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 348229/[jcbunn3000@gmail.com](mailto: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).

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

