Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 16th 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. Niccolls

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

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**th **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)

<u>Next meetings:</u> Monday 17th July Monday 31st 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 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

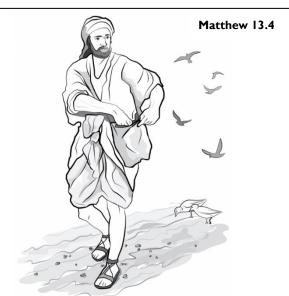
Intercessions: D. Fulbrook

10.00am - Family Service

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

Romans 8.12-25 G. Gospel: Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

Intercessions: M Mandrell



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

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

<u>Thursdays</u> 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

Welcome

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

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

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.....

<u>Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23rd September</u>

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 20th 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.

<u> Jesse Bunn - Gardening Maintenance</u>

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

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.