

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 23rd July 2023

Trinity 7

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

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

Gradual Hymn: **633** Seek ye first

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

Sermon

Intercessions: M. Mandrell

To the bidding: **God of mercy**

Please respond: **hear us as we pray.**

Offertory Hymn: **161** Father, Lord of all creation

Communion Hymns:

640 She sits like a bird (Choir)

80 Bind us together

568 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Final Hymn: **43** And can it be



Next Sunday – Trinity 8

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12 Clergy
 Romans 8.26-39 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: 1 Kings 3.5-12 R. Scotson
 Romans 8.26-39 P. Kennett

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Intercessions: Clergy



This Sunday will be Andy's leaving celebrations!

Bubbly, wine, juice, tea, coffee, cake and finger foods will be served in church following the 10.00am service. Please stay and join us if you can!



GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

Next meetings:

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



A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church

The Church of England has introduced a new Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses and based in Gloucester. The new scheme should be a win-win situation - 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



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am

(10.45 for Tea/Coffee) Next meeting: Monday 31st July

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

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

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

Request for help.... Pew removal

We are seeking some strong and able persons and/or youthful muscle to help remove the pews from church's north aisle on Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July. If you can help, please email Adrian Everett on: adrian_d_everett@hotmail.com or just let Andy, Lindsey or Michelle know.



SAVE THE DATE.....

Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23rd 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.

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.

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.



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. I have three months experience and ten (and growing) trusted clients in Worcester. I will be available until August. Prices – Free to come and take a look/ chat about your needs. Happy to negotiate.

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

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.