

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 6th August 2023**

**Trinity 9**

Opening Hymn: **301** Immortal, invisible

Readings: Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

B. Cox

2 Peter 1.16-19

N. Humphries

Gradual Hymn: **59** At the name of Jesus

Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

Sermon

Intercessions: J. Gerrard

To the bidding: Lord, in your mercy

Please respond: **hear our prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **559** O Worship the King

Communion Hymns: **145** Deep within I will plant my law

**487** Meekness and majesty

**496** My God, and is thy table spread

Final Hymn: **388** Lord, the light of your love is shining



**Next Sunday – Trinity 10**

**8.00am - No 8.00am Service (During August)**

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18

D. Anwyl-Hughes

Romans 10.5-15

R. Goddard

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Intercessions: V. Greenow



Luke 9.28-36



"This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am

(10.45 for Tea/Coffee) **Next meeting:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

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.



## **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](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)



## **Church Services this coming week.**

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

### **Zoom only services**

We will be taking a summer break from Morning & Evening Zoom. We will return on Monday September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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

## **A Thank-you from Andy and Viv**

A huge thank-you to everyone who has made the past couple of weeks such a wonderful send-off for us. The celebration after last Sunday's service was so moving, and your generous gifts have left us humbled. We've also received so many other cards, gifts and kind words: it would be impossible to thank you all individually, but we are very grateful, and move on with many happy memories, and a deep sense of how much we will miss you all.

## **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.



## **AUTUMN FAYRE**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 11.30 - 3.30**

## **DONATIONS APPEAL**

**Bottles** - We are gratefully accepting/collecting any 'bottle' donations for our bottle Tombola. We will gladly accept **ANY** bottle, be it alcohol, fizz, toiletries - anything in a bottle! Please bring to church for storage in the Tower room.



**Chocolate & Sweets** - This was very popular last year and we would like to make this bigger this year.... so we are also accepting any donations of chocolates or sweets suitable for a Tombola.



**New/ Unused Gifts** - Diana and Nigel Wake will be running this stall again. If anyone has any new but unwanted gifts to sell (not books) Please leave in the rear pews for collection.

## **Receiving Communion**

Just a reminder that Holy Communion is now offered either in one kind; the wafer alone or both kinds; wafer and shared chalice (or cup). Please could we ask that for hygiene reasons you refrain from intincting (or dipping) your wafer into the chalice (or cup). Thank you for your understanding.

## **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.

## **No 8.00am Services – During August**

A reminder to everyone that unfortunately we are will not be holding any 8.00am services during the month of August.

We will resume the 8.00am services again on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

## **Save the Date - 7<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm**

## **Vocal Score Concert - St Stephens**

We are excited to announce St Stephens will be hosting a Vocal Score concert on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Vocal Score are a well known harmony group in Worcestershire. All proceeds will be added to Doreen Pritchard's legacy in enhancing the children's area of the church. There will be more information to follow.