

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 13th August 2023

Trinity 10

Opening Hymn: **343** King of glory, king of peace

Readings: 1 Kings 19.9-18 D. Anwyl-Hughes
Romans 10.5-15 R. Goddard

Gradual Hymn: **269** How shall they hear the word of God

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

Intercessions: V. Greenow

To the bidding: Lord our God

Please respond: **let only your will be done.**

Offertory Hymn: **143** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion Hymns: **633** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

377 Lord accept the gifts we offer

72 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Final Hymn: **233** Guide me, O thou great redeemer

Next Sunday – Trinity 11

8.00am - No 8.00am Service (During August)

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 56.1,6-8

N. Wake

Romans 11.1-2a,29-32

R. Holdsworth

Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28

Intercessions: M. Mandrell



Matthew 14:22-33



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am

(10.45 for Tea/Coffee) **Next meeting:** Monday 4th 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 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



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



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 4th September.

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

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the Autumn fayre are now available to purchase at the back of church (£1 per ticket or £5 per book). First prize is £100 cash with many more prizes including various hampers and restaurant vouchers! Please leave any monies & filled stubs in the labelled box. If you would like to take any books away to sell, please do. Good Luck!!



Praying for Growth

The Diocese has recently 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 23rd 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. (Please leave any donations in the Tower room)



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.

Serving Team. It is wonderful to see the many ways in which people bring their gifts to enhance our collective worship. 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 as the church moves into vacancy it would be fantastic to have some more hands on deck. There is a range of important (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

Reminder - We will not be holding any 8.00am services during the month of August. We will resume again on 3rd September.

Save the Date - 7th October – 7.30pm

Vocal Score Concert - St Stephens

We are excited to announce we will be hosting a Vocal Score concert on Saturday 7th October. 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.

Prayer Diaries for August are now available at the back of church.

Good Companions have several disabled members with mobility issues and need lifts. Is anyone willing to pick up before and then drop off later after Good Companions meeting? Please speak to Chris Allen, Margaret Mandrell or Lynda Niccolls. Thank you.