

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 20th August 2023

Trinity 11

Opening Hymn: **606** Praise the holiest in the height (2nd tune)

Readings: Isaiah 56.1,6-8 N. Wake/D. Anwyl - Hughes
Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 R. Holdsworth

Gradual Hymn: **772** We cannot measure

Gospel: Matthew 15.21-28

Sermon

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes

To the bidding: Servant God:

Please respond: **let us honour you with our lives.**

Offertory Hymn: **19** All hail the power of Jesus' name

Communion Hymns: **80** Bind us together (choir)

323 Jesus Christ is waiting

178 For the fruits of his creation

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



Next Sunday – Trinity 12

8.00am - No 8.00am Service

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 51.1-6

G. Hill

Romans 12.1-8

L. Dunmore

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth



Great is thy faith!



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



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 4th.

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

No 8.00am Services – During August or first Sundays in September & October

A reminder to everyone that we are will not be holding any 8.00am services during the month of August. **Update** - In addition due to the current pressures on clergy we have made the decision that there will be no 8.00am services on the first Sundays in **September (3rd) & October (1st)**. Thank you for understanding.

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 - Nigel Wake is hoping to 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.

Bishops Certificate Course

A Bishop's Certificate course is being run locally from early October onwards. If you are interested, please talk to either Margaret or Kevin initially.

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 boxes. If you would like to take any away to sell, please do. Good Luck!!



Save the Date - 7th October – 7.30pm

Vocal Score Concert - St Stephens

We are very excited to announce St Stephens will be hosting a Vocal Score concert on the evening of Saturday 7th 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.

Here are a few of the items needed from the 2023 shopping list.

TINNED MEAT, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED VEG, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG LIFE MILK & FRUIT JUICE, CEREAL, NOODLE POTS, CREAM CRACKERS, WET & DRY DOG FOOD, TOMATO PUREE, TOMATO/BROWN SAUCE, MIXED HERBS, SUGAR, TEA, COFFEE, UNISEX TOILETRIES, SOAP, TOILET ROLLS, WAHING UP LIQUID, NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

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

