

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 27th August 2023**

**Trinity 12**

Opening Hymn: **16** All for Jesus

Readings: Isaiah 51.1-6 G. Hill  
Romans 12.1-8 L. Dunmore

Gradual Hymn: **73** Be still my soul

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

Sermon

Intercessions: R. Holdsworth

To the bidding: In you, O Lord:

Please respond: **is all meaning and truth.**

Offertory Hymn: **187** The servant King

Communion Hymns: **214** God is love, and where true love..

**677** Take my life, and let it be

**813** Will you let me be your servant

Final Hymn: **740** Through all the changing scenes of life



**Next Sunday – Trinity 13**

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

**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21 P. Kendall  
Romans 12.9-21 P. Kennett

Gospel: Matthew 16.21-28

Intercessions: P. Kennett



**Matthew 16.13-20**

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

## **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

## **No 8.00am Services on the first Sundays in September & October.**

Due to the current pressures on clergy/ Sunday Stars, we have made the decision that there will be no 8.00am services on the first Sundays in either **September or October.**

## **Good Companions**

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.

## **Music for Sunday Worship**

Are you hiding your light under a bushel? Are there any pianists among us that would like to accompany violinist Clare King perhaps once a month for our 10am Sunday Worship. If so, do please speak to Lindsey who will be able to put you in touch with Clare.

## **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 (and return) please do. Good Luck!!



## **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. (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.

## **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.

The Summer Holidays have led to a huge increase in demand on the Foodbank. Especially as many parents struggle without free school meals for their children. They have even run out of baked beans for the first time ever!

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

TINNED FOODS, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE & MILK, CEREAL, NOODLE POTS, CREAM CRACKERS, WET & DRY DOG FOOD, TOMATO PUREE, TOMATO/BROWN SAUCE, MIXED HERBS, SUGAR, TEA, COFFEE, UNISEX TOILETRIES, NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)

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

