

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 3rd September 2023

Trinity 13

Opening Hymn: **161** Father, Lord of all creation
Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21 P. Kendall
Romans 12.9-21 P. Kennett
Gradual Hymn: **158** Father, hear the prayer we offer
Gospel: Matthew 16.21-28
Sermon
Intercessions: P. Kennett
To the bidding: We look to the cross
Please respond: **and see your love for us.**
Offertory Hymn: **59** At the name of Jesus
Communion Hymns: **730** This is my body, broken for you
557 O thou who camest from above
285 Here I am Lord
Final Hymn: **98** Breathe on me breath of God



Next Sunday – Trinity 14

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11 D. Fulbrook
Romans 13.8-14 D. Fulbrook

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

Intercessions: D. Fullbrook

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Ezekiel 33.7-11 N. Humphries
Romans 13.8-14 L. Dunmore

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

Intercessions: M. Mandrell



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am (10.45 for Tea/Coffee)
Next meetings: Monday 4th & 18th 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: 4th September – Anne Lawrence will be talking about a Project in Africa.
18th September - Choir 'The Gilded Lilies'



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
<u>Zoom only services</u>		
Monday & Wednesday	8.20am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer



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 service 1st October.

Due to current pressures on clergy / Sunday Stars, we have made the decision that there will be no 8.00am service on the first Sunday in **October**. Thank you for understanding.



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.

Save the Date - 7th October – 7.30pm

Vocal Score Concert - St Stephens

We are excited to announce St Stephens will be hosting a Vocal Score concert on 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.

Call for Cake and Scones

Meriel and team are in need of as many cakes and scones as possible for their stall at the fayre. If you are able to provide any cake or scones – all will be gratefully received. You can sign up on the list at the back of church.



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!!



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.

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

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

