

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Trinity 15

Opening Hymn: **64** Awake, awake fling off the night

Readings: Genesis 50.15-21 Vivien Greenow  
Romans 14.1-12 Rosie Goddard

Gradual Hymn: **351** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Sermon

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow

To the bidding: The Lord is full of compassion:  
Please respond: **his love lasts forever.**

Offertory Hymn: **478** Make me a channel of your peace

Communion Hymns: **339** Just as I am (choir)  
Let us build a house (See separate sheet)

**143** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Final Hymn: **512** Now thank we all our God



**Next Sunday – Trinity 16 – Christian Aid/ Harvest**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18  
2 Corinthians 9.6-15

J. Swindin

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Gospel: Luke 12.16-30

Intercessions: Clergy



**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18  
2 Corinthians 9.6-15

B. Cox

K. Maltby

Gospel: Luke 12.16-30

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am (10.45 for Tea/Coffee)

Next meetings: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September/ 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

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: 18<sup>th</sup> September - Choir 'The Gilded Lilies'  
20<sup>th</sup> September - Minibus Trip (£5) to Tewksbury Market.

Pick is 10.00am from church. There are 7 seats available. 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Margarets holiday adventures.



## **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 |
| <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**

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| <b>Thursdays</b> | 10.30am - 12.30pm |
| <b>Saturdays</b> | 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

## **Harvest Festival - 24<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Cake Sale & Garden flowers.**

Harvest has always been a special occasion of thanksgiving. Over recent years we have decorated the church with flowers and donated to Christian Aid. It would be lovely if we had any flowers from gardens, brought in vases, that we could spread around the church. All offerings welcome.

The Harvest celebration on 24th September will focus on work of Christian Aid in some of the poorest areas of rural Africa.

The service will be followed by a cake sale to raise funds for their harvest project. Any Donations of cake would be much appreciated.

Thank you for your generous support.

## **Bishops Certificate Course**

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

## **AUTUMN FAYRE**

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

### **ANY DONATIONS STILL WELCOME**

**Bottles** We will gladly accept ANY bottle, be it alcohol, soft drinks, fizz, toiletries - anything in a bottle!



**Chocolate & Sweets** Any donations of chocolates or bags of sweets will be gratefully received.



**New/ Unused Gifts** Any new or unused unwanted gifts – For Nigel's annual stall.

The church will be open for any donations on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> during Open Church (10.30-12.30) or Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4pm (while we set up the fayre). Or please email Michelle who will gladly accept any donations offered.

## **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.



**Reminder** - No 8.00am service - 1<sup>st</sup> October.

## **Take Care**

Following a couple of trips and falls this last month, we're all encouraged to take extra care when moving around the church. Whilst every consideration and reasonable measure is given to the reduction of risk, it is not possible to eradicate every risk in a building of this age and condition. Do please speak to Ruth, Kevin or Lindsey if you have any continuing concerns.

## **Parish profile**

Many thanks for all your comments. We will use as many comments as we can in the Profile and will also compile a full list of all responses to be reviewed by the PCC and new incumbent when they are appointed. Kevin and Ruth

## **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.

## **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.

## **Raffle Tickets**

Last chance to buy raffle tickets before our Autumn Fayre next week! (You can still buy them on the day). Tickets are available at the back of church (£1 per ticket/£5 per book). 1st Prize £100 plus many others great prizes including hampers & restaurant vouchers! Please return any bought tickets stubs or unsold tickets by the 23rd. Good luck!

