

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Harvest/ Trinity 16

Opening Hymn: **177** For the beauty of the earth (1st tune)

Readings: Deuteronomy 8.7-18      Bev Cox  
                  2 Corinthians 9.6-15      Kevin Maltby

Gradual Hymn: **178** For the fruits of his creation

Gospel: Luke 12.16-30

Sermon

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth  
                  To the bidding: Lord, hear us  
                  Please respond: **Lord, graciously hear us**



Offertory Hymn: **218** God of day and God of darkness

Communion Hymns: **151** Eat this bread (choir)

**666** Spirit of the living God

**179** For the healing of the nations

Final Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness (see over)

Next Sunday – Trinity 17/ Dedication Sunday

**8.00am** - Said Holy Communion

No Service

**10.00am** - Family Service

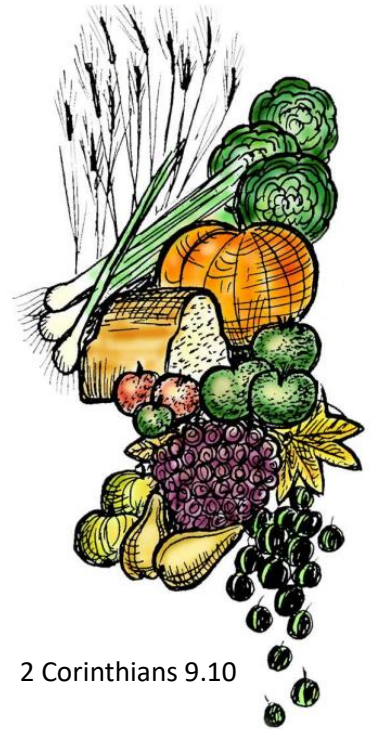
Readings: 1 Kings 8.22-30      Margaret Mandrell  
                  Hebrews 12.18-24      Linda Trow-Poole

Gospel: Matthew 21.12-16

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard



He who supplies  
seed to the  
sower and bread  
for food will  
supply and  
multiply your  
seed for sowing  
and increase the  
harvest of your  
righteousness.



2 Corinthians 9.10

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</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:

2<sup>nd</sup> October - Margaret Mandrell's holiday adventures.

16<sup>th</sup> October - Marguerite Collins is returning for 'Inside Crown Court'



## A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church

The Church of England has introduced the 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 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

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](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

## **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.

## **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.

## **Final Hymn – Great is thy faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided*

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

*Great is Thy faithfulness....*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

*Great is Thy faithfulness....*

**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.



## **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).

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