

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 1st October 2023

Opening Hymn: **688** The Church's one foundation
Readings: 1 Kings 8.22-30 Margaret Mandrell
Hebrews 12.18-24 Linda Trow-Poole
Gradual Hymn: **195** Glorious things of you are spoken
Gospel: Matthew 21.12-16
Sermon
Intercessions: Judith Gerrard
To the bidding: Lord,
Please respond: **receive our thanks and prayer.**
Offertory Hymn: **45** Angel Voices ever singing
Communion Hymns: **174** For I'm building a people of (choir)
358 Let there be love shared among us
253 Gather us in
Final Hymn: **183** Forth in the peace of Christ



Trinity 17 - Dedication Sunday

Next Sunday – Trinity 19

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7 Rose Adams
Philippians 3.4b-14 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Intercessions: Rose Adams

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 5.1-7 Ruth Scotson
Philippians 3.4b-14 Geoff Hill

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: 2nd, 16th & 30th 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:

2nd October - Margaret Mandrell's holiday adventures.

16th October - Marguerite Collins is returning for 'Inside Crown Court'



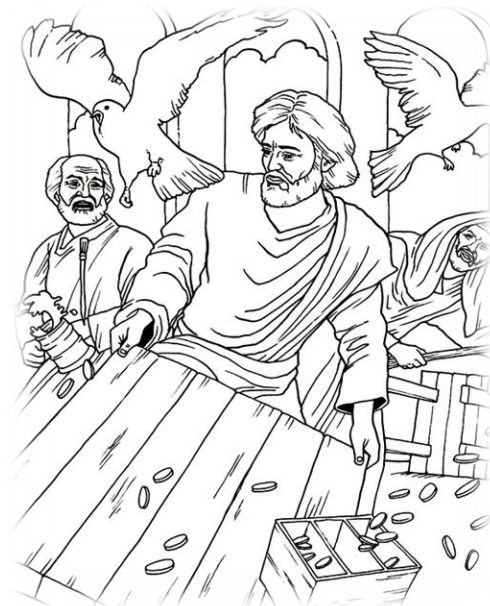
A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church

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



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

Harvest/Christian Aid - Thank you!

I am so grateful for the generosity of all who donated cakes and scones, flapjacks and biscuits last Sunday after the Harvest service for Christian Aid. We raised super £400.70! Which will go to very worthy causes. Thank you! Margaret.

Vocal Score Concert - St Stephens

7th October – 7.30pm

We are very excited that St Stephens will be hosting a Vocal Score concert on Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available on the door and we are asking for donations. All are welcome. There will be refreshments available in the interval. All funds raised will be added to Doreen Pritchard's legacy in enhancing the children's area of the church.

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.

Autumn Fayre Thanks!

A massive thank you to all those who helped this year's Autumn fayre be the massive success it was! It was such a great day with a record turnout!

Thank you for the tremendous amount of help given in setting up, clearing away, running a stall or helping on the day. Many thanks to all who kindly donated bottles, chocolates, gifts and raffle prizes. Thank you also to all those who came along on the day to support! It was very much enjoyed by all those who came and we have received so many wonderful comments.

We could not have done it without your amazing support, so again Thank You!



Ladies Afternoons

We are restarting the Ladies afternoons which we ran before Covid.

We extend a warm invitation to all ladies who come to services or meetings at St Stephen's. You are welcome to bring a friend.

This time, rather than doing bits of lots of things, we are going to focus on a Bible Story. One of the best ways to meet Jesus is to look at a story about someone meeting Jesus. It will also provide an opportunity to meet informally with other ladies from the church. So, Saturday 14th October - 2:00pm till 3:30pm in church.

If possible, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or email Michelle at mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com



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.

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.

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.

