

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 8th October 2023

Trinity 18

Opening Hymn: **75** Be thou my vision

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

Gradual Hymn: **490** Morning has broken

Gospel: Matthew 21.33-46

Sermon

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell

To the bidding: O God, Work in us

Please respond: **inspiring both will and deed.**

Offertory Hymn: **37** Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Communion Hymns: **801** When I survey the wondrous..(Ch)
259 Holy! Holy! Holy!

42 An upper room

Final Hymn: **109** Christ is made the sure foundation



Next Sunday – Trinity 19

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 25.1-9 Pippa Curtis
Philippians 4.1-9 Pippa Curtis

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14

Intercessions: Pippa Curtis

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 25.1-9 David Anwyl-Hughes
Philippians 4.1-9 Kevin Maltby

Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

Next meetings: 16th October & 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:

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

6th November Discover History with Paul Harding.



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

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am Morning Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm Evening Prayer



"the kingdom of God will be given to a people that produce the fruits of the kingdom"

Matthew 21.33-25

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.

MOTHERS' UNION FESTIVAL SERVICE FOR WORCESTER ARCHDEACONRY

TRANSFORMATION NOW: ENCOUNTERING JESUS

TIME: 2.00 pm Tuesday 17th October

PLACE: St. George's Church, Barbourne, Worcester,

LOCATION: St George's Square, WR1 1HX

Please consider joining us for this happy occasion.

It will be a service of Holy Communion, with Reverend Stephen Buckley our Chaplain, presiding.

The speaker will be Julia Jamieson, one of the Worldwide Trustees of Mothers' Union.

Afterwards, members from St. George's and Claines invite us to refreshments in the Magdalene Room.

Joint Churches Youth Group

The next Joint Churches Youth Group is meeting on the 22nd October at Claines Church Institute (WR3 7RW) from 4-6pm.

The group is called POG – Path of God and meets monthly, sometimes at St. Georges and sometimes in Claines; there is also scope for us to meet at St. Stephen's.

If you have children or grandchildren aged 9+ or know of any other aged 9+ children who'd like to come along, please feel free to share this invitation. The group meets from 4-6pm and everyone has supper together - pizza, hot dogs, or whatever is voted for! This is followed by different activities and all are welcome to join in as much or little as they prefer. Parents - please email any queries to:

rebeccalowe100@hotmail.co.uk

It's a great way to make new friends and enjoy games, sports, crafts and more. You can also bring a friend!

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



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!



Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Service - Sunday 29th October – 6.30pm

This years Commemoration of the Faithful departed service will take place on 29th October at 6.30pm. Please do record the names of any loved ones you would like to be remembered either on the sheets at the back of Church or by emailing Lindsey or Michelle.