

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Opening Hymn: **805** When morning gilds the skies  
Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12 Rob Holdworth  
Colossians 3.12-17 Pat Kendall  
Gradual Hymn: **373** Lo, he comes with clouds descending  
Gospel: Matthew 24.30-35  
Sermon  
Intercessions: Judith Gerrard  
To the bidding: Lord, hear us  
Please respond: **Lord, graciously hear us.**  
Offertory Hymn: 125 Come down, O love divine  
Communion Hymns: **54** As the deer pants (choir)  
**80** Bind us together  
**84** Blessed assurance  
Final Hymn: **684** Tell out my soul



Last Sunday after Trinity/ Bible Sunday

## Next Sunday - All Saints Day

### 8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 Rose Adams  
1 John 3.1-3 Clergy

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Intercessions: Rose Adams



### 10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 Rosie Goddard  
1 John 3.1-3 Meriel Orton

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Intercessions: Robyn Rooney

## AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS – 10.00AM

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served in church following the 10.00am 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:

**6<sup>th</sup> November** Discover History with Paul Harding 'How Worcester changed due to Industrial Revolution'

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November** Show - Moving on up - Ask Chris about tickets (£16.50 each/ 10 available)



## 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)

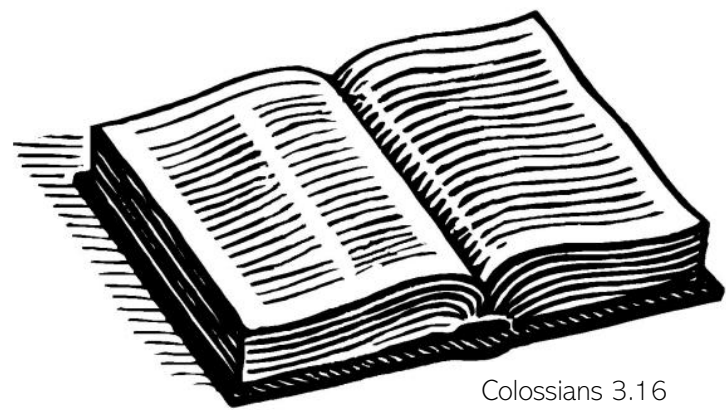


## Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

### Zoom only services

We will be taking a break from midweek zoom services during half term week. We will resume on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov



Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly

**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

## **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Service - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October – 6.30pm**

This year's Commemoration of the Faithful departed service will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Good Companions**

Good Companions have several disabled members with mobility issues and need lifts. If anyone is able to pick up before and then drop off later after Good Companions meeting, then please speak to Chris Allen, Margaret Mandrell or Lynda Niccolls. Thank you.



## **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, COOKING OIL, PACKET SEASONING, TOMATO/BROWN SAUCE, MIXED HERBS, SUGAR, TEA, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE, WASHING UP LIQUID, UNISEX TOILETRIES, TOILET ROLLS, DEODORANT, NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

Please no foods that's needs refrigerating.

**THERE IS A FULL SHOPPING LIST IN THE PORCH OR YOU CAN VISIT THEIR WEBSITE O:**

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)

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

## **Pause in Midweek Zoom Services (for Half Term)**

There will be no Midweek Zoom services during Half Term Week (30<sup>th</sup> October- 3<sup>rd</sup> November). We will resume again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The Sunday 10.00am service will Zoom as normal.

## **Philomusica Concert - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at St. Stephen's**


Programme to include Greater Love Hath No Man by John Ireland, Handel's Messiah part 1 and A Christmas Cantata by Geoffrey Bush (nothing like getting into the Christmas spirit early!!)

Tickets £10 available on the door or from [philomusica.org.uk/tickets](http://philomusica.org.uk/tickets)

**Take Care** Following a couple of trips and falls 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.

## **Printer Cartridges**

A reminder that there is a box on the counter at the back of church for collecting used inkjet cartridges, which raises funds for the benefit of Christian Aid. Last year the recycled cartridges raised £63.40 for Christian Aid and a similar sum was raised in the preceding 12 months. The scheme does not accept laser jet or toner cartridges.



**Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will never pass away.  
Matthew 24:35**