

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent

Opening Hymn: **45** Angel voices ever singing

Readings: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18      D. Anwyl-Hughes  
                  1 Thessalonians 5.1-11      Linda Niccolls

Gradual Hymn: **40** Amazing grace

Gospel: Matthew 25.14-30

Sermon

Intercessions: David Anwyl- Hughes

To the bidding: Christ will come again

Please respond: **make us ready to meet him.**

Offertory Hymn: **384** Lord Jesus think on me

Communion Hymns:

**666** Spirit of the living God (choir)

**677** Take my life

**680** Take this moment

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



**Next Sunday - Christ the King**

**8.00am - Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24  
                  Ephesians 1.15-23

Diana Fulbrook  
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Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook



**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24  
                  Ephesians 1.15-23

Geoff Hill  
Bev Cox

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth

**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:**

**20<sup>th</sup> November** Kelvin Green (a guitarist for the stars) is coming to entertain us for donations towards Food Bank.

**4<sup>th</sup> December** Our Christmas Celebration.



**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)



**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



**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

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

## **Sunday Stars - Help Required**

November marked a six-month milestone for our new worshipping community in Sunday Stars and we realise we are in need of someone to come alongside us and serve refreshments as the families arrive. If this is a ministry, you feel you could offer once a month, please speak to Lindsey, Robyn or Dot.

## **Hearing Loop System**

If you are users of the Hearing Loop system, you'll have noticed that it wasn't working last week. It may even have been the cause of the electrics tripping! Paul Kennett has kindly disconnected and removed it to see if it can be repaired but it may need replacing (at a cost of between £250-£350). If you feel this is something you would like to contribute towards, please speak to Ruth, Kevin or Lindsey.

## **Calling all Christmas Carollers**

Come and sing your way around the community with us. Just turn up!

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

St. Stephen's Care Home 2.00 - 2.45

Noele Court 3.00 - 3.45

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

The Willows Care Home 2.00 - 2.45

Northwick Grange Residential Home 3.00 - 3.45

## **Announcement from the Bishop**

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Lindsey Coulthard as Priest in Charge of Barbourne, St Stephen. The licensing will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. Please remember Lindsey and Ian in your prayers.

## **Egg Boxes appeal - Craft**

For Sunday Stars craft we are in need of some clean egg boxes in good condition. Please bring any into church by 26<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks, Sunday Stars Team.

## **Community Voices**

If you love music and like singing - come and join Community Voices - everyone welcome.

Meeting every Tuesday (term time only) from 7.30-9.00pm. At Cornmeadow Early Years & Families, Checketts Lane, WR3 7JW.

For more information contact:

[lorraine.deeprise@icloud.com](mailto:lorraine.deeprise@icloud.com)

## **North Worcester Group of Churches**

### **Ecumenical Advent Carol Service - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.00pm**

Do come and join us at Worcester United Reformed Church (Albany Terrace, WR1 3DU) as we enter the season of Advent. The service will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.



**Never mind a white Christmas. We're just dreaming of a festive season where no-one goes hungry and everyone enjoys a taste of Christmas. You can help us by donating something from our Christmas shopping list [www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk) Thank you for your continued support of local people in crisis.**

A red background graphic for a Christmas shopping list. It features a silver shopping cart with a red handle and a Santa hat on top. To the right of the cart is a sprig of holly with red berries. The text "Christmas shopping list" is written in white at the top. Below it is a list of items in white text. The Worcester foodbank logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the graphic.

## Christmas shopping list

- Dried stuffing
- Bread sauce
- Canned ham
- Chutney/pickle
- Pickled onions
- Cranberry sauce
- Christmas cake
- Mince pies
- Cheese biscuits/crackers
- Cheeselets/Twiglets drum
- Chocolate biscuit selection
- Boxes/tubs of chocolates/sweets
- Bottles of cordial
- Dried fruit (figs/dates)