

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 26th November 2023

Christ the King

Opening Hymn: **19** All hail the power of Jesus' name

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24 Geoff Hill'
Ephesians 1.15-23 Bev Cox

Gradual Hymn: **701** The kingdom of God

Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46


Sermon

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth
To the bidding: We are your people
Please respond: **The sheep of your pasture**

Offertory Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd (words overleaf)

Communion Hymns:
699 The King of love my shepherd is (choir)
187 The Servant King
800 When I needed a neighbour

Final Hymn: **113** Christ triumphant



Next Sunday – Advent 1

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9 Rose Adams
1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Rose Adams

Gospel: Mark 13.24-37

Intercessions: Rose Adams



10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 64.1-9 Linda Dunmore
1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Ruth Scotson

Gospel: Mark 13.24-37

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow

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:

4th December - Our Christmas Celebration.
Everyone Welcome.



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



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

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 4th February at 4pm. Please remember Lindsey and Ian in your prayers.

Wreath making for Display in Church

Monday 11th December at 2pm in church.

All welcome. Please speak to Barbara if you have any questions.

Church Decorating ('greening')

Saturday 16th December during Open Church

10.30-12.30 Volunteers required.

Please speak to Barbara or just turn up.

Hearing Loop System A huge thank you to Paul for sourcing and installing our new Hearing Loop System. What a difference it's made to users. Thanks also to those who have kindly donated towards the cost of the system.

Advent Group Angels from the Realms of Glory

Meeting in the evenings from **7.30-9.00 via Zoom**.
Tuesday 28th November
Tuesday 5th December
Tuesday 12th December
Tuesday 19th December

Please contact **Ian Cramp** at the address below to register for the Zoom link and material.

Email: iancramp2023@gmail.com



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.

DRIED STUFFING, BREAD SAUCE, CANNED HAM, CHUTNEY/PICKLE, PICKLED ONIONS, CRANBERRY SAUCE, CHRISTMAS CAKE, MINCE PIES, CHEESE BISCUITS/CRACKERS, CHEESELETS/TWIGLETS DRUM, CHOCOLATE BOX SELECTION, BOXES/TUBS OF CHOCOLATES, BOXES/TUBS SWEETS, BOTTLES OF CORDIAL, DRIED FRUIT

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Christmas Services at St. Stephen's

Sunday 17th December

Holy Communion at 10.00am with "pop up" Nativity Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve-Sunday 24th December

Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.00am
4.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-Monday 25th December

Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.00am

St. Stephen's Day

Tuesday 26th December

Holy Communion at 11.00am

Prayer Diaries – November 2023 - March 2024 are now available at the back of church.

Lunchtime Concert in Church – 9th December

12.30 – 2.00. Please come to a lunchtime concert in church with 5 for Silver singing Christmas songs and carols. Soup and rolls, and donations for Christian Aid Christmas Appeal.

Offertory Hymn - The Lord's My Shepherd

*The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul*

Chorus

*And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home*

*He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights*

*And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff*