

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 7th January 2024

Epiphany

Opening Hymn: Angels from the realms of glory (overleaf)

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 Linda Dunmore
Ephesians 3.1-12 Rob Holdsworth

Gradual Hymn: **355** Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

Sermon

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth

To the bidding: Lord God:

Please respond: **we offer you ourselves.**

Offertory Hymn: **55** As with gladness men of old

Communion Hymns:

79 Bethlehem of noblest cities

540 O little town of Bethlehem

305 In the bleak midwinter

Final Hymn: **788** We three kings of Orient are



Next Sunday – Epiphany 2

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 Rose Adams
Revelation 5.1-10 Rose Adams

Gospel: John 1.43-51

Intercessions: Rose Adams

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: 1 Samuel 3.1-10 David Anwyl-Hughes
Revelation 5.1-10 Lynda Niccolls

Gospel: John 1.43-51

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard



Matthew 2.1-12

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

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.

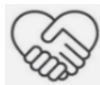


GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

Next meetings:

22nd January - AGM followed by a social

5th February - Speaker to be announced later



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



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

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Pastoral Care Arrangements

If you have any pastoral care requirements during January or know of someone in need of pastoral care, please contact our Parish Administrator, Michelle Walsh on 07961 097497 who will be pleased to put you in touch with a member of clergy.

Calling all Calligraphers!

St Stephen's maintains a Book of Remembrance. This involves adding the names and date in Gothic script using registrar's ink as well as ensuring we keep the date current throughout the year. Our book is situated in front of the Lady Chapel next to the Prayer Board. If you're interested in assisting to keep this record up to date or in keeping the page(s) current, please can you reach out to Michelle.

Pat Kendall's Birthday Celebration

21st January – after the 10.00am service

Everyone is invited to a celebration lunch for Pat's 80th birthday in the church hall, after the 10.00am service on the 21st January. Lunch, cake, wine. Donations for Christian Aid are welcomed. We hope to see you there.

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.

Happy New Year!

As the year draws to a close I'd like to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who has made it possible for me to have some time away before my licensing at the beginning of February. I know you'll look after each other and I look forward to continuing our journey together on my return. Until then, may God bless you all and keep you in the palm of his hand, Lindsey.



Introit Hymn –

Angels from the realms of glory.

Angels from the realms of glory
wing your flight over all the earth,
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born king;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born king.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching over your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations,
ye have seen his natal star.

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear.

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down.



Here's some of the items we urgently need, as we continue to combat hunger and feed well over 1,000 people every month.

CEREAL, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED RICE PUDDING, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, CREAM CRACKERS, TEA BAGS, SUGAR, COFFEE, COOKING OIL, TOMATO PUREE, SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER, SHAVING FOAM, SOAP NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

You can read the full updated shopping list on our website for other ways to donate or help.

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

The Foodbank were extremely grateful to receive 10 bags of essential food and Christmas goodies along with a whopping £140 donation.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated.

