

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 21st January 2024

Epiphany 3

Opening Hymn: **161** Father, Lord of all creation

Readings: Genesis 14.17-20 Neil Humphries
Revelation 19.6-10 Vivien Greenow

Gradual Hymn: **214** God is love, and where true love is

Gospel: John 2.1-11

Sermon

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell
To the bidding: Direct us, Lord:
Please respond: **and we will follow.**



Offertory Hymn: **364** Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Communion Hymns:

84 Blessed assurance
688 The church's one foundation
Let us build a house (overleaf)

Final Hymn: **740** Through all the changing scenes of life

Next Sunday – Candlemas

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 John Swindin
Hebrews 2.14-18 Keith Layton

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 Kevin Maltby
Hebrews 2.14-18 Nigel Wake

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

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.

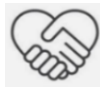


GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

Next meetings:

22nd January - AGM followed by a social and quiz.

5th February - An afternoon of board games.



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

Service of Licensing of the Reverend Lindsey Coulthard as Priest in Charge of the Parish of Barbourne, St Stephen

by the Right Reverend Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley and Installation by the Venerable Mark Badger, Arch Deacon of Worcester. Will take place on:

Sunday 4th February at 4.00pm

Everyone is welcome to attend the service and to bring and share a meal afterwards.

(Any food offerings - could we please ask that they are manageable/ easy to eat/ finger buffet style foods, either sweet or savoury).

Any offerings of local flowers, brought in vases, that we could spread around the church would be very welcome. More information to follow.

Compassionate Church Project

Additional pews in the North aisle have now been removed to provide a greater flexibility for church worshipping communities. Many thanks to Adrian, Paul, Dan, Geoff & Richard for all their hard work. We will be consulting widely with everyone about the next steps and displays are being prepared for the back of church.

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

Prayer Pilgrimage - Led by the Arch Bishop of Canterbury - Saturday 3rd February 2024

10am: Top Church, Dudley

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer.

12.30pm: Pershore Abbey

Prayer lunch - bring your own picnic lunch.

2.15pm: Worcester Cathedral

An interview with the Archbishop followed by worship and prayer in various prayer stations.

Open the Book – 5th February 10am – 12pm

If you are involved (or would like to know more) in Open the Book, do join us for a fun training session at St George's Church, Magdalene Room.

Church Cleaning Church Clean on **Friday 2nd February** (ready of Lindsey's licensing). Volunteers wanted to help us spruce up the Church between 12.30 and 2.30pm. Please try to join us if you can.

Pat Kendall's / Rosie's Aunty Pat's 80th Birthday Celebration Lunch – 21st Jan

In the church hall, after today's 10am service. Tea and coffee will be served as usual after the service. If you are staying for both drinks in Church and lunch in the hall, please give your donation to **Christian Aid**.

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

All are welcome,

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all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.