

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 14th January 2024

Epiphany 2

Opening Hymn: **285** Here I Am Lord

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

Gradual Hymn: **4** A New Commandment

Gospel: John 1.43-51

Sermon

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard

To the bidding: Draw us closer

Please respond: **closer to the heart of God**

Offertory Hymn: **302** In Bread We Bring You Lord

Communion Hymns:

40 Amazing Grace

730 This is My Body

54 As the Deer

Final Hymn: **175** Follow Me, Follow Me



Next Sunday – Epiphany 3

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 14.17-20 Diana Fulbrook

Revelation 19.6-10 Diana Fulbrook

Gospel: John 2.1-11

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Genesis 14.17-20 Neil Humphries

Revelation 19.6-10 Robyn Rooney

Gospel: John 2.1-11

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell

John 1.43-51



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.



Pat Kendall's / Rosie's Aunty Pat's 80th 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 to Christian Aid are welcomed. We hope to see you there!

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.

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

All welcome - join us as we pray for our diocese as well as peace and justice throughout the world in 2024 and beyond.

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.

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).

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

If you are involved in Open the Book, do join us for a fun training session at St George's Church, in the Magdalene Room, on February 5th 10:00 - 12:00. If you are not yet involved in Open the Book and would be interested to find out more, please join us.



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

Thank you for your continued support.