

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 4th February 2024

2 before Lent

Opening Hymn: **559** O worship the king

Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-3 Geoff Hill
Colossians 1.15-20 Meriel Orton

Gradual Hymn: **331** Jesus the Word has lived among us

Gospel: John 1.1-14

Sermon

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes
To the bidding: Who is the King of glory?
Please respond: **It is the Lord our God.**

Offertory Hymn: **738** Thou whose almighty Word

Communion Hymns:

326 Jesus is Lord (choir)

703 The light of Christ

633 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Final Hymn: **301** Immortal, invisible



Next Sunday – Sunday next before Lent

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12 Pippa Curtis
2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Pippa Curtis

Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

Intercessions: Pippa Curtis

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12 Lucy Lewis
2 Corinthians 4.3-6 Pat Kendall

Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

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:

5th February - An afternoon of board games.

19th February - Margaret Mandrell's Special Holiday.



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. Due to Lent approaching, anyone bringing flowers are welcome to take their flowers back home after the service.

Pat's Birthday Lunch/ Christian Aid

Pat and Andy Kendall would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate Pat's birthday on Sunday. It was lovely to be back in the hall and have lunch together. Thank you everyone for the lovely cards and especially Diane for the beautiful birthday cake and to Barbara for her thoughtful lovely poem.

We also raised an amazing **£640** for Christian Aid and are very grateful to all who donated.

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.

Philomusica presents "Entente Cordiale" a concert of French and English choral works by Gounod, Chilcott, Finzi and others.

24th February 2024, 7.30pm at St Stephen's

Tickets £10 can be bought at:

<https://philomusica.org.uk/tickets> or on the door. Accompanied children under 16 free.

The Arts Society/ Presentation of Church Recordings – Sunday 11th February (10am)

Gillian & Peter Kendal from The Arts Society have now completed the extensive record of all the fixtures, fittings, fabrics and textiles owned by and within St Stephens Church. A copy of this record has been beautifully bound and will be specially presented at St Stephens on Sunday 11th February during the 10.00am service. Not to be missed!

"The Science and Faith Worcester group invite you to join them on **Tuesday 20th February** for a talk by Dr. Kim Stansfield, entitled "Ada Lovelace (1815-1852: The First Computer Programmer?" Doors open at 7.30pm for coffee and cake, and the talk will begin at 8pm. We meet in the hall at Worcester Baptist Church, Sansome Walk, Worcester WR1 1LN. Please visit www.scienceandfaithworcester.org for more information."



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

FOOD BANK – NEW!

Want to support our foodbank's fight against hunger? You can use the brilliant **Give Today website** to order the items we urgently need - these will then be delivered straight to our door

😊 Right now we need items including baked beans, apple juice and long-life milk. You can order any of these and more online 🙌

<https://www.givetoday.co.uk/worcesterfoodbank/>
Thank you for your continued support of people in crisis.