

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

Visit our website [www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk](http://www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk) for information about services and forthcoming events

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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Candlemas**

Opening Hymn: **351** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5 Kevin Maltby

Hebrews 2.14-18 Nigel Wake

Gradual Hymn: **133** Come, thou long expected Jesus

Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Sermon

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow

To the bidding: Lord, have mercy.

Please respond: **Christ, have mercy.**



Offertory Hymn: **59** At the name of Jesus

Communion Hymns:

**88** Blest are the pure in heart

**343** King of Glory, king of peace

**398** Love divine, all loves excelling

Final Hymn: **388** Lord, the light of your love is shining

## Next Sunday – 2 before Lent

### 8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 Pippa Curtis

Colossians 1.15-20 Pippa Curtis

Gospel: John 1.1-14

Intercessions: Pippa Curtis

### 10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-3 Geoff Hill

Colossians 1.15-20 Meriel Orton

Gospel: John 1.1-14

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes



Luke 2.22-40

## 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.

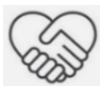


## GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

### Next meetings:

**5<sup>th</sup> February** - An afternoon of board games.

**19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **The Arts Society/ Presentation of Church Recordings – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> February during the 10.00am service. Not to be missed!

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Church Cleaning** Church Clean on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

"The Science and Faith Worcester group invite you to join them on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.scienceandfaithworcester.org) for more information."

## **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.

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

**24<sup>th</sup> 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.

For a full listed of needed items please visit:

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://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.