

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 April 2024

Easter 2

Opening Hymn: **699** The King of Love my Shepherd is
Readings: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21 Rosie Goddard
Acts 4.32-35 Vivien Greenow
Gradual Hymn: **64** Awake, awake, fling off the night
Gospel: John 20.19-31
Sermon
Intercessions: Vivien Greenow
To the bidding: Lord, in your mercy
Please respond: **Hear our prayer**
Offertory Hymn: **64** Awake, awake, fling off the night
Communion Hymns:
143 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
42 An Upper Room
126 Come Holy Ghost
Final Hymn: **112** Christ the Lord is Risen Today



Next Sunday - Easter 3

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 Pippa Curtis
Acts 3.12-19 Pippa Curtis

Gospel: Luke 24.36b-48

Intercessions: Pippa Curtis

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 Neil Humphries
Acts 3.12-19 Lynda Nicolls

Gospel: Luke 24.36b-48

Intercessions: Robyn Rooney/ Clergy



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.



SUNDAY STARS



Informal Worship for Little Ones and their Grownups
Meets on the first Sunday of the month from 9.00
9.30. In the Bishop Allenby Hall (next to the church)

GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

Next meeting: 8th April Car trip - Bonnie's café for tea & cake
15th April - Marguerite Collins will tell us the story of 'A Royalist Highwayman'.

CRAFT & CHATTER (Every 4th Saturday of the Month)

10.30-12.30. Will run alongside Open Church. If you knit, crochet, sew, or craft, do come along. Open to all.

A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses The new scheme is a win-win situation - better for givers, and better for the church. There are booklets at the back of Church.

Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

We will be taking a break from Midweek Zoom services over the Easter Holidays. We will resume on 8th April.



Thomas answered him,
'My Lord and my God!'

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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Licensing Service for Revd. Sarah Carwardine

The licensing service for Revd. Sarah is being held on Wednesday 5th June at 7pm at St George with St Mary Magdalene Church. All are welcome. Do please keep Sarah in your prayers as she prepares to move to Worcester.

The Deanery is interested in hearing from those who have a passion in welcoming those new to the community, be it new housing developments or those moving into existing homes. Paul Wilcox, from Hallow Church, is setting up a few social media presences such as a closed Facebook group, email list, Instagram feeds, X profiles, and/or WhatsApp group to help provide news and advice. Please talk to Lindsey or the Deanery Synod reps (William, Paul, and Nigel) if you'd like to be added.

New Home Group – Expressions of Interest

Some of the feedback during the vacancy indicated that you'd like to see another Home Group on offer. Please email Lindsey or speak to her after the service if this is something you'd be interested in.

New Musical Setting for our Service of Holy Communion

We'll be introducing a new musical setting for our 10am Holy Communion service on Sunday 14th April. The arrangement, 'A Eucharist of Prayer and Praise' is by Andrew Moore and like any new thing it will take a while for us to readjust. We therefore plan to have a run through of the Gloria at the beginning of the service with our choir and organist Nick and I look forward to learning something new together with you, Lindsey.

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit The diocese is having a Safeguarding Audit and the team are encouraging as many people as possible to respond to a survey on the diocesan website. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed via the website or by following the link below:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/worcester/>

The closing date for the survey is the 1st May.

The Science and Faith Worcester group invite you to join them on Tuesday 23rd April for a talk by Dr. Mike Brownutt, on "Global Perspectives on Science and Christianity" 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, WR1 1LN.

This year's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will take place on **Sunday 12th May, during the 10.00am service.**

Everyone with an interest in the life/activity of the church is warmly encouraged to attend.

Electoral Roll Under Church Representation Rules the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised each year before the **APCM**. The revision for 2024 will take place before the 5th of May. The revised Roll will then come into force for the APCM in mid to late May. Anybody who wishes to be a candidate or to vote for Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members to represent this Congregation and Parish must be on the Electoral Roll. As this is a revision, new application forms need only be filled in if members have changed name, address or contact details in the last 2 years, or if members of the congregation wish to join the Electoral Roll having joined our Church. Forms and post box are at the back of Church Please see Paul Kennett for further details.

Diocesan Synod Elections Diocesan Synod Elections are coming up on 3rd July. There are quite a few Laity positions available to be filled. This is a 3 year post involving 3 events a year. To be eligible to be elected, you need to be on the Electoral Roll of St Stephens. Please talk to Lindsey or the Deanery Synod reps (William, Paul, and Nigel) if you are interested.

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