

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday

Opening Hymn: **363** Lift high the cross

Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a Nigel Wake
 Philippians 2.5-11 Pat Kendall

Gradual Hymn: **479** Make way, make way, for Christ the...

Gospel: Mark 14.1-15.47

Sermon

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard

To the bidding: Make us strong:

Please respond: **to do your will in all things.**

Offertory Hymn: **399** Love is his word, love is his way

Communion Hymns:

187 The servant king

730 This is my body, broken for you

503 My song is love unknown

Final Hymn: **159** Father I place into your hands



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 Grown 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

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.

Tuesday	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Friday	2.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday	7.30pm	Service of Light

Zoom only services

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

Next Sunday - Easter Sunday

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9 Clergy/ Volunteer
 Acts 10.34-43 Clergy/ Volunteer

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9 Linda Dunmore
 Acts 10.34-43 Rob Holdworth

Gospel: John 20.1-18

Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell



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



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.

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

Children's Games Donations

Helen Laird our CYF worker is in need of any new or used children's board games and Lego anyone might no longer need and be willing to donate to St Stephen's; Claines and St George's Churches. These are to help set up Cafe Churches and other future projects she is planning with the children. If you have anything you are willing to donate, please could you bring these to church and leave on the back pews by the tower room ASAP! Many thanks.

Table Top Sale The table top sale has now raised an amazing **£725!** All funds will go towards the second classroom in Zambia. Thank you, Margaret.

The Deanery is interested in hearing from those who had a passion in welcoming those new to the community, be it new housing developments or those moving into existing homes. Paul Wilcox, from Halloween 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.

Funeral of Jo Bunn

The funeral of Jo Bunn will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm, St. Mary's Church, Burford, Shropshire, WR15 8HG. The service is being conducted by The Reverend Canon Dr Stuart Currie and you are most welcome to attend.

EASTER EGGS & TREATS!

We also collecting Easter Eggs and treats so please donate anything you can!

For the full shopping list please visit;

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

FOODBANK – NEW! GIVE TODAY WEBSITE

Order the items we urgently need - these will then be delivered straight to our door 😊 You can order any of these and more online

<https://www.givetoday.co.uk/worcesterfoodbank/>



Church Clean - Thursday 28th March 2-4

Please could you spare some time to help us clean up the Church ready for Easter? Everyone is welcome, even if for only a short time. Seasonal refreshments will be provided. Ruth

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'd like to take up this opportunity.

North Worcester Churches Walk of Witness to Worcester Passion Play

Good Friday 29th March in Cathedral Square at 10.30am.

Timings are set out below

8.20 - St. John Baptist Church Claines

8.50 - St. Stephen's Church

9.00 - Ombersley Road Methodist Church

9.10 - St George's Church (Refreshments provided)

9.30 - Continue into town

10.10 - Arrival at Cathedral Square

Electoral Roll/ APCM - Under Church

Representation Rules the Church Electoral Roll has to be revised each year before the APCM.

Our APCM will take place on 12th May.

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 are

available at the back of Church along with a box

for completed forms. Please see Paul Kennett for

further details if needed.