

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter Sunday

Opening Hymn: **690** The day of resurrection
Readings: Isaiah 25.6-9 Linda Dunmore
Acts 10.34-43 Rob Holdsworth
Gradual Hymn: **633** Seek ye first the kingdom of God
Gospel: John 20.1-18
Sermon
Intercessions: Margaret Mandrell
To the bidding: Hear us, risen Lord.
Please respond: **Our resurrection and our life.**
Offertory Hymn: **32** Alleluia, alleluia....
Communion Hymns:
20 All heaven declares
735 This joyful Eastertide
731 This is the day (verses 1&2)
Final Hymn: **745** to God be the glory



Next Sunday - Easter 2

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21 Diana Fulbrook
Acts 4.32-35 Diana Fulbrook

Gospel: John 20.19-31

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Exodus 14.10-31; 15.20-21 Rosie Goddard
Acts 4.32-35 Vivien Greenow

Gospel: John 20.19-31

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow



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.

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

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.

Endometriosis Concert - Thanks We had a wonderful evening of music and it was so lovely to welcome so many members of the congregation. Thanks to everyone's generosity in attending our concert, we raised a total of £1,040 for endometriosis care in Worcestershire. Thank you all so much.

This year's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) This year's APCM will take place on **Sunday 12th May, during the 10.00am service**. Everyone with an interest in the life and activity of the church is warmly encouraged to attend.

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.

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 are available at the back of Church along with a box for completed forms. Please see Paul Kennett for further details if needed.

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.

Good Companions Trip - Tuesday 7th May

A minibus trip to Stratford upon Avon Butterfly Farm and town. There are 2 places left £14 each. See Chris Allen for details.

Children's Games Donations Helen Laird our CYF worker is in need of any new or used children's board games or Lego anyone might no longer need. Donations are for St Stephen's; Claines and St George's Churches to help set up Cafe Churches and other future projects planned. Please bring any donations into church and leave on the back pews by the tower room ASAP! Many thanks.

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit The diocese is having a Safeguarding Audit and the team are encouraging as many people as possible people 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.

For the full shopping list of items needed please visit:

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

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Thank you for you continued support.

