

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 14th April 2024

Easter 3

Opening Hymn: **133** Come thou long expected Jesus

Readings: Zephaniah 3.14-20 Neil Humphries

Acts 3.12-19 Lynda Niccolls

Gradual Hymn: **701** The Kingdom of God is justice and joy

Gospel: Luke 24.36b-48

Sermon

Intercessions: Robyn Rooney

To the bidding: Lord, in your mercy

Please respond: **Hear our prayer**

Offertory Hymn: **125** Come down, O love divine

Communion Hymns: **513** Now the Green Blade Riseth

666 Spirit of the living God

383 Living Lord

Final Hymn: **735** This Joyful Eastertide



Next Sunday - Easter 4

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings:

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13

John Swindin

Acts 4.5-12

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Gospel: John 10.11-18

Intercessions: Clergy



10.00am - Family Service

Readings:

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13

David Anwyl-Hughes

Acts 4.5-12

Linda Trow-Poole

Gospel: John 10.11-18

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes

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: 15th April - Marguerite Collins will tell us the story of 'A Royalist Highwayman'.

20th April - Swan theatre WODS 'Me and My Girl'



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.

Next Meeting: Saturday 28th April

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

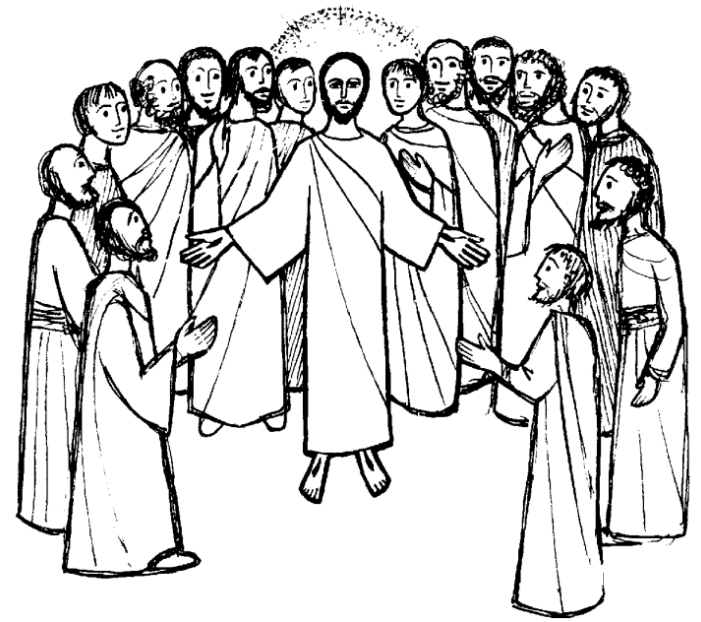
Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

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



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.

COME AND SING WITH US

A choral workshop hosted by **PHILOMUSICA**

FAURÉ : REQUIEM

RUTTER : FIVE TRADITIONAL SONGS

Tickets £10. Complimentary refreshments and vocal scores provided.

Saturday 11th May. 2pm - 5pm

Registration from 1.30pm. St. Stephen's Church.

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 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/post box are at the back. Please see Paul Kennett if required.

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.

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit The diocese is having a Safeguarding Audit 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 <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/worcester/> The closing date for the survey is the 1st May.

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.

Upcoming Construction Works

Construction works will be taking place on the Tower and Church commencing **Wednesday 17th April for approximately 3-4 weeks.**

Any queries please contact Adrain Everett or Michelle Walsh.

Volunteers are required please.

We are planning on holding a joint churches, community event on Wednesday May 29th. The event will be an outreach event to encourage our community into a relationship with our churches. This event will be held at St Georges 2:00-4:00. We need volunteers from across all three churches, to ensure that relationships can be made with members from across the congregations. The event will be a birthday party - well it is Pentecost! We will need welcomers, craft table supervisors, part game leaders, refreshment providers and volunteers chatting to the families. If you would like to be involved with this exciting event please contact Helen: cypfwr3@gmail.com if you can't help this time but would like to be told of any future volunteering opportunities again let Helen know.