

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 21st April 2024

Easter 4

Opening Hymn: **490** Morning Has Broken

Readings:

Genesis 7.1-5, 11-18; 8.6-18; 9.8-13 David Anwyl-Hughes
Acts 4.5-12 Linda Trow-Poole

Gradual Hymn: **478** Make me a Channel of your Peace

Gospel: John 10.11-18

Sermon

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes

To the bidding: The Lord is my shepherd:

Please respond: **there is nothing we shall want.**

Offertory Hymn: **730** This is my body

Communion Hymns: Instrumental only

830 Be Not Afraid

290 I Will Never Forget You

386 Lord of all Hopefulness

Final Hymn: **745** To God be the glory



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)

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. If you want to know more, speak to Richard Hemmings, or look at PGS's website: www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk

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

Next Sunday - Easter 5

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: **Genesis 22.1-18**
Acts 8.26-40

Rose Adams
Keith Layton

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Intercessions: Rose Adams



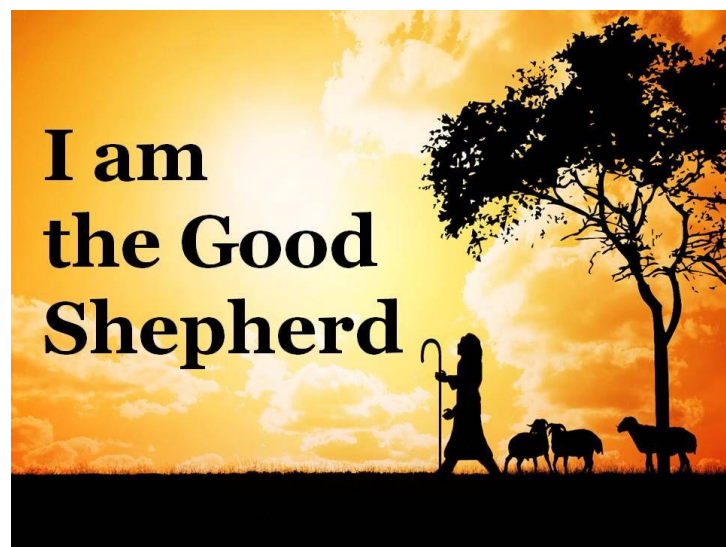
10.00am - Family Service

Readings: **Genesis 22.1-18**
Acts 8.26-40

Ruth Scotson
Lucy Lewis

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard



GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

Next meeting: 20th April - Swan theatre WODS
'Me and My Girl. **No Meeting 6th May (BH)**



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.

Volunteers needed. 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. The event will be held at St Georges 2-4. 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 need welcomers, craft table supervisors, party 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

Spring Messy Church - Saturday 27th April

At St. Georges. This will be running from 10:30 until 13:00 and lunch will be provided. All are welcome to join in the fun.

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. 2-5**
Registration from 1.30pm. St. Stephen's Church.

The Science and Faith Worcester group invite you for a talk by Dr. Mike Brownutt, on "Global Perspectives on Science and Christianity" Tuesday 23rd April. Doors open at 7.30pm for coffee and cake, the talk will begin at 8pm. We meet in the hall at Worcester Baptist Church.

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 or speak to Lindsey after the service if this is something you'd be interested in.

Lost Property There is a box of lost property at the back of the church containing various articles. Please reclaim them if they belong to you within the next two weeks. Anything that is not collected will be donated to charity. Please could I also ask that if you have any items in church that you've been meaning to take home, that you do so during the next two weeks. Any random items found after this time will also go to charity. Thanks, Lindsey.

Deanery Ascension Day Service On Thursday 9th May, 7pm - St. John Baptist Church, Claines. Our visiting preacher will be Rev'd Canon Dr Georgina Byrne, previous residentiary canon at Worcester Cathedral and now a Tutor at The Queens Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed via the diocesan website or the following the link below: <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/worcester/>