

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

Visit our website [www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk](http://www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk) for information about services and forthcoming events

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Easter 6**

Opening Hymn: **688** The Church's One Foundation

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-11 Paul Kennett  
Acts 10.44-48 Linda Dunmore

Gradual Hymn: **247** He is risen, tell the story (tune of 310)

Gospel: John 15.9-17

Sermon

Intercessions: Paul Kennett

To the bidding: Help us Lord:

Please respond: **to love one another.**

Offertory Hymn: **133** Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Communion Hymns:

**358** Let there be love shared among us

**285** Here I am, Lord

**126** Come Holy Ghost

Final Hymn: **202** Go, tell it on the mountain



**Next Sunday – Easter 7**

**8.00am - Holy Communion**

Readings: Ezekiel 36.24-28 Clergy or Volunteer  
Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Clergy or Volunteer

Gospel: John 17.6-19

Intercessions: Clergy



**10.00am - Family Service**

Readings: Ezekiel 36.24-28 Pat Kendall  
Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Neil Humphries

Gospel: John 17.6-19

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 meetings:** (Tuesday) **7<sup>th</sup> May** Day Trip (pre-booked)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Discover History return talk

**Monday 3rd June** - Cream Tea afternoon



**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](http://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

**CRAFT & CHATTER (Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com) or 07961 097497

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

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

## **PCC Nomination Forms**

Just a reminder in advance of our APCM that if you intend to stand again for your position on the PCC you will need to have submitted a completed nomination form. These can be found at the back of 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.

**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.

**The Deanery** is interested in hearing from those who have a passion in welcoming those new to the community. Paul Wilcox (Hallow Church) is setting up a few social media presences 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.

**Diocesan Synod Elections Diocesan Synod Elections are 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 if interested.

**Save the Date: Autumn Fayre**   
**Saturday 21st September.** More info to follow.

## **Cake Sale for Christian Aid- Sunday**

**12th May** Christian Aid week runs from 12th-18<sup>th</sup> May this year. Margaret will be selling cakes after the 10am service and would be delighted to receive any of your delightful baked contributions for this occasion.

## **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.

**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 all members. The event is 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 please contact Helen: cypfwr3@gmail.com

## **Science & Faith – May Talk**

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**, Tom Fairman will be speaking on the topic: "An exploration of the development of medical research ethics and its relationship to faith". He will explore the development of medical research ethics from World War 2 to the present day, considering how our current practices and standards have developed. The talk will be at 7.30 for 8pm, at Worcester Baptist Church Hall.

For the full shopping list of items needed please visit:

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)

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