

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Easter 5**

Opening Hymn: **684** Tell out my soul

Readings: Genesis 22.1-18 Ruth Scotson  
Acts 8.26-40 Lucy Lewis

Gradual Hymn: **503** My song is love unknown

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Sermon

Intercessions: Judith Gerrard

To the bidding: Your kingdom come,  
Please respond: **Your will be done.**

Offertory Hymn: **706** The Lord's my shepherd

Communion Hymns:

**283** I saw the grass (new hymn alert! - Choir to lead)

**791** Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**703** The light of Christ

Final Hymn: **190** Sing Hosanna



## **Next Sunday - Easter 6**

### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-11 Pippa Curtis  
Acts 10.44-48 Pippa Curtis

Gospel: John 15.9-17

Intercessions: Pippa Curtis



### **10.00am - Family Service**

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

Gospel: John 15.9-17

Intercessions: Paul Kennett

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



## **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.

## **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



IF YOU  
ABIDE IN ME  
YOU WILL BEAR  
MUCH FRUIT

**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

**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 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.

**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.

## April Joy

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April showers fall,

Boots muddy the hall.

New buds burst with bloom

Dispel mists of wintry gloom

April springs in,

April awakens

Fresh is the air,

Excitement in the air,

Windows open wide,

Warming blood, stirring feelings

View the spring tide.

Together - sharing joy.

## **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.

**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

**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.

## **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.

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