

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 3rd November 2024

4 before Advent

8.00am – Holy Communion

Isaiah 25.6-9 / Revelation 21.1-6a Pippa Curtis

Gospel: John 11.32-44

Intercessions: Ann Waizeneker

10.00am - Connect Service

Reading /Story: Adaptation of John 11.32-44

Songs: **477** Majesty, Worship His Majesty

268 Our God Reigns

388 Shine Jesus Shine

571 Oh When the Saints



Next Sunday – 3rd Before Advent

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: Jonah 3.1-5, 10

Hebrews 9.24-28

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Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Jonah 3.1-5, 10

Hebrews 9.24-28

Pat Kendall

Nigel Wake

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth



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, biscuit and a chat. It's a chance to get to know everyone. **A warm and friendly welcome to all.**



CRAFT & CHATTER (Every 4th Saturday of the Month)

10.30-12.30. We run alongside Open Church. If you knit, crochet, sew, or craft, do come along. **Open to all.**

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)

Monday 4th Nov - Howard Robinson's Illustration of Optical Illusions.

18th November - Getting ready for Christmas with some easy crafts - dove, snowflake and tea lights.



A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Better for givers, better for the church. There is information at the back of church or speak to Richard Hemmings / 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

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



THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Bishop's Certificate Course

Margaret and Kevin are looking forward to running another Bishop's Certificate course this autumn. They are planning to meet on Monday evenings from 7.30-9.00pm.

Do please speak to Margaret or Kevin (or anyone who has recently completed the course) if you're interested in attending.

Skilled Needleworker Required

Some of our vestments and altar frontals are very aged and therefore very fragile. On occasion they require repair by hand. If this is something you feel called to offer and are able to help please speak to David Anwyl Hughes.

Funeral Arrangements for Martin Cox

Bev would like to share that Martin's funeral will be held at Worcester Crematorium on **Friday 15th November at 3.15pm** and will be followed by light refreshments at Worcester Cricket Club. All are welcome.

Please continue to remember Bev and her family in your prayers.

Team Advent Study

This year we'll be joining up again with our neighbours at Claines and St Georges to journey through Advent together. We'll be meeting in person from 7-8.30pm beginning with the first session at St. Stephen's on Tuesday 26th November.

We'll be using a book called 'They Sang' by Amy Scott Robinson (copies available from online book sellers) which offers material to reflect each week on one of the four Spirit-filled songs that we find in the nativity story. All are welcome.

Memorial Service for Joan Tyson

The family have asked that details of Joan's service be shared as many of you will have known her.

A Memorial Service for Joan will be held on **Monday 4th November at 11.30am at St. Stephens.**

All are welcome to attend.

POPPIES.

Poppies are now available to purchase at the back of church



Access and Inclusion Audit

We are undertaking a study of how suitable the church is in meeting the access needs of the congregation. If you have experienced difficulties in arriving and using the church because of its physical features, e.g. entering and moving about the church, participating in services or using the available facilities, or if you have identified hazards that concern you, please drop an email to

richard.poppleton2@btinternet.com or have a word with Ruth or Kevin.

Please respond if possible by 10th November.

Laundry of Altar Linen

We are looking for a volunteer who loves doing laundry to take on the role of caring for our altar linen.

These are taken home each week by David and Kirsty and returned beautifully starched and pressed.

After many years of faithful service, they feel it's time to step back from this role so if you feel called to offer your help in this area - please speak to David Anwyl Hughes.

EcoChurch - Going for Silver Award



There are two new additions to the church yard, a domed compost bin and a leaf litter bag. This is in anticipation of making our own compost for the raised beds so that sustainable flowers can be grown for church decoration.

If you have dead flowers, fruit or vegetable waste, instead of binning it please put in the compost bin. If you fancy gathering the autumn leaves, please add to the white leaf litter bin. To minimise the risk of attracting rats to these bins please DO NOT add any food material. Thanks to Adrian for helping with the stakes and Iris for the bag.