

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 19th January 2025

Epiphany 2

Opening Hymn: **161** Father, Lord of all creation
Readings: Isaiah 62.1-5 Paul Kennett
1 Corinthians 12.1-11 Phillippa Boulter
Gradual Hymn: **680** Take this moment, sign and space
Gospel: John 2.1-11
Sermon
Intercessions: Robyn Rooney
To the bidding: Generous and loving God
Please respond: **Hear our prayer**
Offertory Hymn: **214** God is love and where true love is
Communion Hymns: **740** Through all the changing scenes
358 Let there be love shared among us
398 Love divine, all loves excelling
Final Hymn: **301** Immortal, invisible



Next Sunday – Epiphany 3

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Corinthians 12.12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

10.00am – Family Service

Readings: Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Corinthians 12.12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes

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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)

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)

A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church There are a selection of booklets at the back of Church you may take away. If you want to know more, please speak to Richard Hemmings or go to www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk

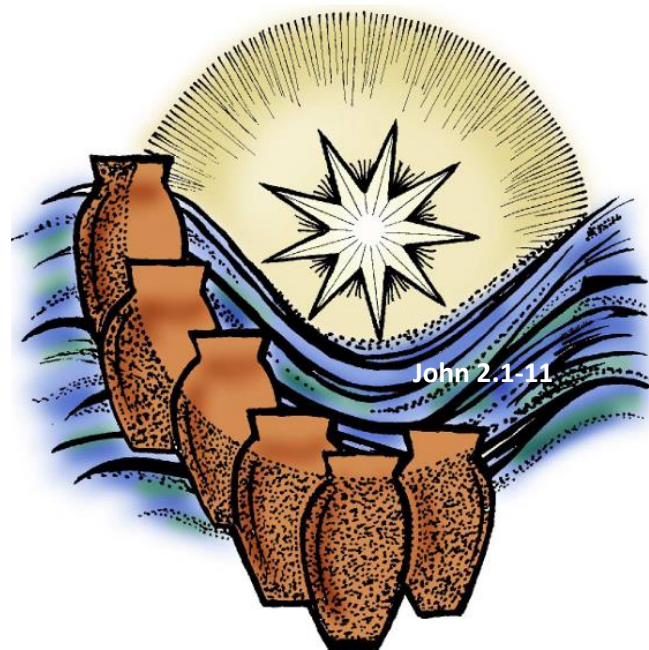
Church Services this coming week.

Thursday – Holy Communion 10.00am

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am Morning Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm Evening Prayer



GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

20th January – AGM/ Annual round up of 2024 and planning for 2025. There will be a short talk or quiz.

3rd February - Discover History with Paul Harding "Medical History of Worcester"



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

Call for Cakes! On Sunday 2nd February (ATC Sunday) St Stephens will be hosting the Annual Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication for the West Mercian Wing of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets. I would like to provide hospitality after the service and would therefore be grateful for any offers of help to serve refreshments or to provide cake. Please speak to **Ruth Scotson** if you're able to assist. Many thanks.

Joint licensing - A date for your diaries.....

Rev Lindsey will be licensed as Associate Priest to Claines and St. Georges and Rev Sarah will be licensed as Associate Priest to St. Stephens on the afternoon of **Sunday 26th January**. The service will be held at Claines Church. Further details to follow.

Notice Boards in the North Aisle

Please do take a look at the new displays on the noticeboards in the North Aisle which reflect the progress we've made so far with our Health and Sustainability Plan. There are lots of 'before and after' pictures so feel free to peruse over coffee. Thanks to Kevin for arranging the display.

Eco Tips The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch takes place 24 - 26 January.

Why not take part and count the birds in your garden or the churchyard?

There will be a list of birds we see on the notice board, please add your sightings.

Here is our **Current Shopping List:**

CEREAL, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED RICE, PUDDING, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED MEAT AND FISH, MUG SHOTS, NOODLE POTS, LONG-LIFE FRUIT JUICE, LONG-LIFE MILK, CREAM CRACKERS, CAT AND DOG FOOD, DRIED PASTA, PULSES, PACKET RICE, CURRY SAUCES, MIXED HERBS, SPICES, SALT & PEPPER, SUGAR, COOKING OIL, TOMATO PUREE, PACKET SEASONING, GRAVY OR STOCK, HOT CHOCOLATE, INSTANT COFFEE, TEA BAGS, WASHING UP LIQUID (SMALL), ANTI-BAC SPRAY (NO BLEACH), DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, TOILET ROLLS, SANITARY TOWELS, SHAVING FOAM AND SOAP



<https://www.givetoday.co.uk/worcesterfoodbank/>

Thank you for your continues support of people in crisis.

Funeral Arrangements for June Hume

Maurice would like you all to know that June's funeral has been arranged for **Tuesday 28th January at 11am** at St. Stephens and requests that bright colours be worn. All are welcome.

Recycling used plastic tubs

Did you know you can have your plastic empty chocolate tubs (Quality Street, Roses etc) recycled and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support? Take them to any Greene King pub from January 1st - 16th Feb (e.g. the Talbot, Ye Old Talbot or Kings Head) Also biscuit tubs and cracker tubs. See, tub2pub.co.uk for more info. Alternatively, if anyone would rather leave them at the back of church, Brenda Laver would be happy to deliver any that are left. Thank you.

Next PCC Meeting

Our next PCC Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in church. It is advertised here on this occasion as it is not currently possible to post the usual notice in the South Porch.

A new Children's Youth and Family Minister

Rev Lindsey and Rev Sarah are delighted to announce the appointment of Heather Minto to the post of Children's Youth and Family Minister to work across our three parishes.

Heather and family moved to Worcester about a year ago in response to a call from God to serve this community. We are really looking forward to her joining us in the new year. Please continue to pray for Heather as she prepares for this new role.

Access to the church

Access to church is now through the west door (under the covered walkway) until such time as the site is safe but the south door may still be used as a fire exit should the need arise. The portable ramp will be in place before and after services for ease of access.

Prayer Diaries for December - March are now available at the back of Church.