

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 9th February 2025

Opening Hymn: **131** Praise to the Lord
Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 Lynda Niccolls
Corinthians 15.1-11 Linda Dunmore
Gradual Hymn: **183** Forth in the Peace of Christ
Gospel: Luke 5.1-11
Sermon
Intercessions: Paul Kennett
To the bidding: Here I am, Lord:
Please respond: **ready for your service!**
Offertory Hymn: **706** The Lord's my Shepherd
Communion Hymns:
218 God of day and God of darkness
246 He is Lord
Final Hymn: **21** All my hope



4 before Lent

Next Sunday – 3 before Lent

8.00am – Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10
Corinthians 15.12-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26
Intercessions: Pippa Curtis

10.00am – Connect Service

Readings: Jeremiah 17.5-10
Corinthians 15.12-20

Gospel: Luke 6.17-26
Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth

Pippa Curtis
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Lucy Lewis
Volunteer tbc

...and all were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken...



When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Luke 5.1-11

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.

GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

17th February - Meg Farmer 'Beds, bugs and pans' Amusing anecdotes from her nursing Career.



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)

A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church The Parish Giving Scheme is administered by a charity run by various Dioceses. The scheme should be better for givers, and better for the church. There are booklets at the back. Speak to Richard Hemmings 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

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

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Lent 2025 This year there will be two face to face Lent Groups on offer: one on Monday evenings beginning 10th March led by Rev Sarah, and the other on Tuesday evenings beginning 11th March led by Rev Lindsey. We will also be offering morning Lent Outdoors Prayer Walks beginning Wednesday 12th March.

Lent Groups 2025 - Further Information

Monday evening (7pm-8.30pm) Lent Group beginning 10th March and led by Rev Sarah will study Inclusive Church material looking at subjects such as disability, gender and poverty. Venue to be confirmed. All are welcome.

Tuesday evening (7pm-8.30pm) Lent Group beginning 11th March and led by Rev Lindsey will study material by The Clewer Initiative called 'The Journey' which looks at modern day slavery and what we can do about it; drawing on the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

Wednesday morning Lenten Prayer Walks will begin on 12th March from 9.15-10.00am in the usual meeting place - Waterworks Road Carpark: WR1 3EZ.

PHILOMUSICA CONCERT: Saturday 22nd

February – 7.30pm PHILOMUSICA soloists and chorus will be performing:

Mozart Mass in C Minor and Vivaldi Gloria in church on Saturday 22nd February at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 on the door. All very welcome.

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.

For our Full **Shopping List:**

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk



There is a collection box at the back of

church. Or you can give today by going to:

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Electoral Roll The Electoral Roll is the list of those who consider themselves members of our church, are over 16, and regularly take communion with us. It allows members to vote in elections for Wardens, PCC members and Synod Representatives and to take a full part in the running of our church.

This year 2025 we have to do a **complete rebuild** of the Roll not just a revision. This rebuild is carried out every 6 years. **ALL** previous members who still wish to be on the Roll and any new members who wish to join **MUST** fill in a new form before the 27th April 2025. Forms will be available from 1st March from Paul Kennett and should be returned to him or placed in the box provided by the South Door. Under GDPR all information on the Roll is held securely and can only be used for Church Electoral Purposes.

Sophia Eco-Spirituality Course

Revd. Dr Robin Parry will be running this new Eco-Spirituality Course. He will be holding two zoom meetings to give more information about it on Thursday 30 Jan, 7.30pm to 8.00pm and Monday 10 February, 7.30pm to 8.00pm. Please contact him via email if you would like the link: RobinParry@worcestercathedral.org.uk

World Day of Prayer – 7th March, 2pm.

St Stephens are hosting the above service, in Church, on Friday 7th March 2025 at 2pm.

We are working closely with St Georges Barbourne, St John Baptist, Claines, Ombersley Road Methodist and United Reform Churches to bring this service to all.

This service has been prepared by Christian Woman from the Cook Islands being part of a Women Led, Global and Ecumenical Movement.

The service includes readings and prayers as well as music and singing. It will be followed by refreshments and anyone is welcome to attend.

If you are interested in helping or taking part in any way, please see Jan Hayden in Church or contact Jan at janandharoldhound2010@yahoo.co.uk