

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 26th May 2024

Opening Hymn: **199** Glory to thee, Lord God

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8 Lynda Niccolls
Romans 8.12-17 Lucy Lewis

Gradual Hymn: **487** Meekness and Majesty

Gospel: John 3.1-17

Sermon

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth

To the bidding: Abba, Father.

Please respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Offertory Hymn: **158** Father, hear the prayer the we offer..

Communion Hymns:

72 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

42 An Upper Room

703 The light of Christ

Final Hymn: **259** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty



Trinity Sunday

Next Sunday – Trinity Sunday

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: Deuteronomy 5.12-15
2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Pippa Curtis
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Gospel: Mark 2.23-3.6

Intercessions: Pippa Curtis



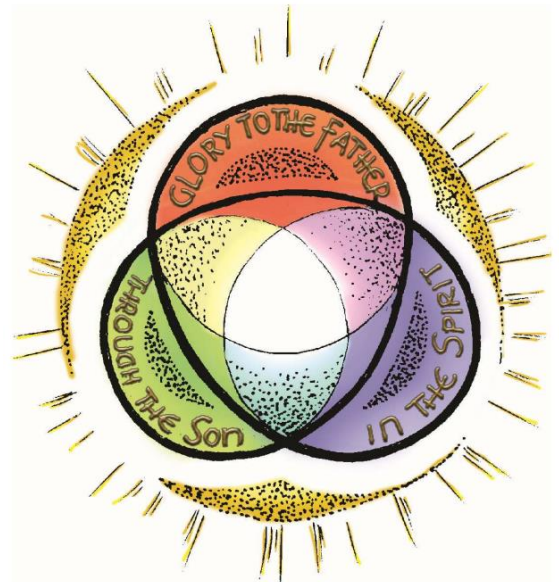
10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Deuteronomy 5.12-15
2 Corinthians 4.5-12

Margaret Mandrell
Kevin Maltby

Gospel: Mark 2.23-3.6

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 meetings: Monday 3rd June - Cream Tea afternoon

Monday 17th June - Ann Waizeneker talks about her career as a Deputy Prison Governor in the 80's.



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



Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

We will be taking a break from Midweek Zoom Services during Half Term. We will resume on Monday 3rd June.

CRAFT & CHATTER (Every 4th 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

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

Safeguarding Folder – Volunteer Roles.


For anyone who volunteers in any capacity at church there is a folder in the Hartley Brown Room with role descriptions and details of any safeguarding training requirements. We are currently 92% compliant with our Safeguarding Training and would like to see this at 100% so do please do take the time to have a look through and make sure that you are up to date with the required training. All training is accessed via the Diocesan website but if you require any help, please speak to Carol or Lindsey.

Home Groups We are delighted to be able to offer two new home groups. A Friday afternoon group will be hosted by Iris Crittenden from 2.00-4.30 commencing 5th July. Please Speak to Iris on 01905 454188 if you are interested to attend. A Wednesday evening group, will be hosted by Margaret Mandrell from 7.30-9.00 commencing 12th June. Please speak to Margaret on 01905 610689 if you are interested to attend.

Beryl Bremner's funeral is having a private funeral but her niece is happy for a Memorial Service to be held at St Stephen's in late June. Details will be confirmed later.

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 
Sat 21st September More details to follow.

Autumn Fayre Planning Meeting

Come and join us on Thursday 13th June at 3.30pm in church to discuss our next Autumn Fayre (21st September). All are welcome. If you're not able to attend but happy to volunteer please email Michelle. There will be a sign up list at the back of church in due course.

Volunteers needed. If you are able to help on **Wednesday May 29th** for the joint church event – Pentecost Birthday Party. (The event will be held at St Georges 2-4.) Please contact Helen: cypfwr3@gmail.com We need volunteers from across all three churches, to ensure that relationships can be made with all members. We need welcomers, craft table supervisors, party game leaders, refreshment providers and volunteers chatting to the families. Thank you.

Adrian Everett is taking part in the fundraiser **Walk 100 Miles in May 2024 for Prostate Cancer Research.** If you would like to support, here is the link to donate: [Adrian Everett is fundraising for Prostate Cancer Research \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Adrian-Everett-is-fundraising-for-Prostate-Cancer-Research) or scan code:



Christian Aid Cake Sale Thank You.

Total raised for Christian Aid is now a wonderful £845. Many thanks on behalf of all those in Burundi whose lives will be improved. Margaret.

Confirmation Service last Sunday Grateful thanks to all who helped to make the event such a special occasion; those who cleaned, made cakes, served refreshments and those who came along to support the candidates. Bishop Martin sent an email the following day thanking St Stephen's for making everyone feel so welcome.

Celebrating the ministry of women

2024 marks 30 years since women were first ordained priest. A special service to celebrate the anniversary and all that has been achieved since then will be held at Pershore Abbey on Thursday 20 June at 7pm.