

Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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

Sunday 12th May 2024

Easter 7

Opening Hymn: **37** Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Readings: Ezekiel 36.24-28 Pat Kendall
Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 Neil Humphries
Gradual Hymn: **701** The Kingdom of God is justice and joy
Gospel: John 17.6-19
APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)
Intercessions: David Anwyl-Hughes
To the bidding: Lord, in your mercy
Please respond: **hear our prayer**
Offertory Hymn: **696** The head that once was crowned
with thorns
Communion Hymns:
80 Bind us together
383 Living Lord
73 Be still my soul
Final Hymn: **536** Oh Jesus, I have promised



Next Sunday – Pentecost

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 Pippa Curtis
Acts 2.1-21 Pippa Curtis
Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15
Intercessions: Clergy



10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 Rosie Goddard
Acts 2.1-21 Geoff Hill
Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15
Intercessions: Vivien Greenow

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 20th May - Discover History return talk / **Monday 3rd June** - Cream Tea afternoon

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

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am Morning Prayer
Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm Evening Prayer



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

Beryl Bremner's funeral.

Beryl Bremner 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.

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.

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.

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.

For the full shopping list please visit;

www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk



FOODBANK – NEW! GIVE TODAY WEBSITE

Order the items we urgently need - these will then be delivered straight to our door 😊

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

Confirmation Service at St Stephens

Pentecost Confirmations will take place next weekend on **Sunday 19th May at 6.30pm.**

The service will be led by Bishop Martin, and all are welcome. Do come along if you can to support the candidates. Please speak to Lindsey, Ruth or Kevin if you're able to help with welcoming or serving refreshments after the service.

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

Science & Faith – May Talk

On **Tuesday 21st May**, Tom Fairman will be speaking on the topic: "An exploration of the development of medical research ethics and its relationship to faith". He will explore the development of medical research ethics from World War 2 to the present day, considering how our current practices and standards have developed. The talk will be at 7.30 for 8pm, at Worcester Baptist Church Hall.

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/AdrianEverett) or scan the

QR code: Many thanks.



SAVE THE DATE... Autumn Fayre

Sat 21st September More details to follow.