

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 May 2024

Pentecost

Opening Hymn: **37** Alleluia sing to Jesus

Readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14 Rosie Goddard
 Acts 2.1-21 Geoff Hill

Gradual Hymn: **289** I will be with you

Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Sermon

Intercessions: Vivien Greenow

To the bidding: Come, Holy Spirit:

Please respond: **Holy Spirit, come!**

Offertory Hymn: **272** I am the bread of life (Toolan)

Communion Hymns:

399 Love is his word

8 Abba, Father, send your Spirit

72 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Final Hymn: **233** Guide me o thou great redeemer



Next Sunday – Trinity Sunday

8.00am - Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8

Romans 8.12-17

Gospel: John 3.1-17

Intercessions: Diana Fulbrook

Keith Layton

Diana Fulbrook



10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8

Romans 8.12-17

Gospel: John 3.1-17

Intercessions: Rob Holdsworth

Lynds Nicolls

Owen Prince



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 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE... Autumn Fayre 
Sat 21st September More details to follow.

Confirmation Service at St Stephens

Pentecost Confirmations will take place this **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

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 \(justgiving.com\)](#) or scan the QR code: Many thanks.



Christian Aid Cake Sale Thank You.

Thank you to all who baked such amazing goodies and all who gave so generously. Total of £700 to be sent to help the poorest in Burundi to climb out of extreme poverty.

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. Talk will be at 7.30 for 8pm, Worcester Baptist Church Hall.