



ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S
SUNDAY 4th February 2024
The Second Sunday before Lent



Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Saturday 3rd February:

5.00 pm All Saints': Soul and Senses Service led by Rev'd Debra Buckley

Sunday 4th February: Second Sunday before Lent

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Joint Holy Communion (CW) with All Saints' Rev'd David Ford

Zoom ID: 712 824 8561

6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom led by Rev'd David Ford.

Zoom ID: 247 411 5267, Passcode 390209

Next Week's Services:

Sunday 11th February: Next before Lent

9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd David Ford

10.30 am All Saints': Joint Holy Communion (CW) with St Godwald's led by Rev'd David Ford.

6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom led by Rosemary Sumner.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'The World Day of Prayer' Service is to be held at St Peter's RC Church, Bromsgrove on Friday 1st March.

The theme this year is 'Voices from Palestine'. The service will begin at 11am with refreshments afterwards in St Peter's Church Hall.

All are welcome. Jan Hewer

SUNDAY @ 6 - EVENING GATHERING on ZOOM

Please remember our Zoom Services on Sundays at 6pm.

This is a small but devoted group of people who are sharing some fabulous time of prayer together. It lasts for around 20 minutes and is now called '**Evening Gathering**'. There is a great variety of worship styles offered which can only enrich prayer life; it is a lovely way to round off the weekend. Log-on details are always in this Newsletter.

SOUL AND SENSES SERVICE

This is a Service at **All Saints' Church** held on **the first Saturday of each month**. The next service is on **Saturday 3rd February 2024**. Each Service will all start at **5.00pm**, last for around 40 minutes.

Please come and join us in wondering and exploring what God is saying to and with us. **ALL are welcome** - come as you are!

PIZZA (CAFÉ) CHURCH

Café Church is an informal service in the **Church Hall** at **St. Godwald's** for all the family to enjoy. A small buffet style supper is included. **The next Pizza Church** is on **Saturday, February 24th at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).

BROMSGROVE STREET PASTORS

There is an important meeting of Bromsgrove Street Pastors to be held on **20th February 2024, 7.30pm at Bromsgrove Baptist Church**.

The meeting is open to the whole of CTiB. Whilst any final decision will be made by the members of Bromsgrove Street Pastors as a separate charity, this is an important conversation for us all to share so that together God's people across Bromsgrove can discern His will.

LENT is almost upon us!

Ash Wednesday is 14th February this year and marks the beginning of Lent. Shall we have a Lent Group this year?

Beyond worship and sermons in particular, there are few regular opportunities to deepen our faith. Participating in a Lent group is a great way to learn, share and refresh your spiritual life at a very important stage in the church's liturgical year.

A Lent Group takes time to prepare, and so before we take it any further I need to be sure that if a Lent course is made available that it will be well supported. Experience tells me that we need a group of 10-12 people to produce a regular group of 6-8 people each week, and that this is the minimum to enable a group to thrive. I have four main questions:

1. Would you join a group if the time worked for you?
2. Would you prefer afternoon or evening, in person or on zoom?
3. If in person, are you prepared to car share and travel across town to a church other than your own?
4. Would you prefer a course rooted in scripture or something broader in scope?

Attendance every week is ideal but not essential. There are likely to be five sessions. Please let me know your thoughts by phone or email. I will make a decision based on the responses received.

Thank you!
David.

LENT COURSE....LENT COURSE....LENT COURSE....

Revd Paula Honniball intends to run a **24/7 Prayer Course** during Lent. Sessions last no more than 1½ hours and consist of a short video followed by discussion....and prayer!

I can't recommend this highly enough.

Every Tuesday evening beginning 20th Feb at 7:30pm in Stoke Prior Church. If you can't make this, you might like to offer to run your own sessions at home with a group of friends at a time to suit you. Or you can even follow it yourself, (though discussion with others is an important part of the course). You will need access to the internet. See Paula for the link to course material if you'd like to have your own group. Contact Paula Honniball on phonniball12@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS'

WEEKLY CHATTERY MEETINGS in the Church Hall

Informal meetings are held weekly on **Wednesdays** in **All Saints' Church Hall** from **2.00 to 3.30 pm**.



Everyone is welcome to join the chatting and to enjoy a hot drink. You can also join in quizzes, board games or jigsaws if you wish.

It is a warm, friendly group of a wide range of ages. Further details from Tessa Carrick on 01527 873135.

CHOIR PRACTICES: Most weeks the choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays** from **5.30 pm to 7.00 pm**.

Members of the Choir are asked to be at church on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays by 9.50 am for practice before the 10.30 am services. Please contact Ollie Neale regarding the choir and music and to confirm times of practices: ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk



MOTHERS' UNION

Please note the change of venue from January 15th

The Mothers' Union will meet on the **third Monday** of each month at **2.30pm** at **12, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove**.

At each meeting there is a short time of worship, a speaker and refreshments. All are welcome.

CHURCH HEATING: The temperature of the church will be capped at 13 degrees for the autumn and winter months. This is simply because we cannot afford to pay more. Although the heating will be on, at times the church will feel cool and possibly even cold. Please dress appropriately and feel free to bring a blanket or hot water bottle with you. Thank you! David.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE MORNING

Tuesday 13th February 10.30 -12.00 at Barbara Murphy's house at 12 Chapel Street. Pancakes, bring and buy and raffle. Money raised will go to the Basement Project. Come and support this event. **All welcome!**



Tickets £3 from Tessa, Sue Thompson, Barbara and Sue Bryant.

ST GODWALD'S

MONDAY 5th February 2024 - TOTWALDS

Totwalds is our worship time in church for 0-5 year-olds and their parents/carers. There is always a story, lovely songs and an activity. Everyone is welcome at **9.30am each Monday morning**.

TUESDAY WALKS meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

The next walk is on **13th February 2024 at 10.00 am** returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICE

Join us in the Ruth Heald Room at 10.00 am for Worship followed by refreshments.

Communion Services will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and Morning Worship on the alternate Wednesdays.

ST GODWALD'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ:

The Community Café is open *every alternate Friday*. The next café will be **Friday 2nd February 2024** 10.00 am until 12 noon.

No charge but donations always very welcome



PATTERN of SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The pattern of Sunday morning worship at St Godwald's from 1 January 2024. Following the very successful joint Eucharists held on the first Sunday of each month at St Godwald's, we will be introducing a parallel joint Eucharist at All Saints on the second Sunday of each month. This joint service at All Saints will replace the Family Service that has occupied the 10.30 slot at St Godwald's in recent years.

David Ford.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST. GODWALD:

This will be held on **Tuesday 20th February 2024 – 7.30 pm in the Ruth Heald Room at St. Godwalds Church Hall, Fininstall Road.**

All Members of The Society of the Friends are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS for The Society of the Friends of St. Godwald for the year 2024 are now due :-

Direct Bank payments to St. Godwalds Parochial Church Council – using reference – ‘Friends of St. Godwald’

Branch Sort Code: 60-04-05

Account Number: 03326136

Cash/Cheque should be made payable to St. Godwalds PCC (please write ‘Friends of St. Godwald on back of cheque) and post through the letterbox of the Parish Office at St. Godwalds Church.

ST GODWALDS SUMMER FAIR 2024



The Summer Fair will take place this year on **Saturday 8th June.**

Details of timings to be confirmed later.

Please think about how you would like to be involved in any way – this was a lovely community event last year, and it worked so well because of the generosity of us all in giving time and items to make the day a great success.

FROM RICHARD AND KATH

God throws new experiences in our way every week, sometimes every day. This week's new experience for me is that bittersweet blend of coming and going; of feeling like I'm really getting to know a community and then being asked to start all over again with a new one. But that was always part of the deal!

I can't imagine that anyone might have a better experience of Curacy than mine. From Bromsgrove I feel I'm prepared by having seen how graciously humans act when they feel the love of God in their lives. So, as I've watched you all, and moved amongst you, I've seen God at work in innumerable, small, everyday ways that speak of a community absolutely invested in what God is asking them to do.

With any luck, that's what I shall find in Bowbrook; but whether I find it or not, it's been a privilege to see God at work in and through you all in this place. Both Kath and I will miss you terribly, and will forever be grateful for your welcome, and for your kindness and generosity as we leave.

We wish His blessings on you all.

Richard & Kath

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Pat Cattell is in hospital following a serious fall at home. Please hold her and her family in your prayers.

Further announcements will be made in church as more is learnt.

Thank you. David.

The Christian Union at South Bromsgrove High School is a small group of committed youngsters from different churches and none who gather weekly to explore their faith together. The group needs your prayers for the group is in need of consistent adult leadership from outside the school.

Please pray for the youngsters and for the emergence of appropriate adult leadership. Please pray too for the termly online prayer meetings that are held to support the school.

If preparing intercessions, please include our schools – first, middle and high – in our prayers,

Thank you. David.

CHURCH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS:

Finley Eccles - Sunday 4th February (St Godwald's)

Luna Allen - Sunday 18th February (St Godwald's)

FUNERALS:

Jenny Harrison – Tuesday 6th February 1.00 pm at St Godwald's Church

David Gulliver – Wednesday 21st February 1.15 pm at All Saints' Church followed by Service of Committal at Redditch at 2.45 pm

St Godwald's and All Saints' Services for FEBRUARY:

Sunday 11th February: Next before Lent

9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd David Ford

10.30 am All Saints': Joint Holy Communion (CW) with St Godwald's led by Rev'd David Ford.

6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom led by Rosemary Sumner.

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

10.00 am St Godwald's: Holy Communion (CW) Rev'd David Ford

Sunday 18th February: Lent 1

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd David Ford

10.30 am All Saints': Morning Worship - led by Pam Rosewarne and Sue Ward.

6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom led by Judith Rowe.

Saturday 24th February

5.00 pm St. Godwald's: Pizza (Café Church) led by Rev'd David Ford and Kerstin MacDonald

Sunday 25th February: Lent 2

9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries

10.30 am St Godwald's: Morning Worship led by Judith Rowe and Emma Morris

10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Deb Buckley

6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom led by Rosemary Sumner.

MONTHLY PATTERN of SERVICES at ALL SAINTS' and St GODWALD'S:

1st Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints'
10.30am Joint Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom

2nd Sunday: 9.00am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Joint Holy Communion CW at All Saints'
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom.

3rd Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints.
10.30am Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's
10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints'.
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom

4th Sunday: 9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints'.
10.30 am Morning Worship at St Godwald's.
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom.

5th Sunday: Team Service in various churches.

First Saturday: 5.00pm Soul and Sense at All Saints'

Last Saturday: 5.00pm Café Church at St Godwald's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th May: Join us for a **Rogation Ramble** on Tuesday 7th May (an official Rogation Day!). More information before too long.

David and Judith

Saturday 8th June: St Godwald's Summer Fair

Wednesday 14th August: Cream Tea 2.00-4.00pm in All Saints' Church Hall, for charity.

Saturday 7th September: Heritage Weekend at All Saints' Church

December: All Saints' Christmas Bazaar (date to be confirmed).

From Bishop Martin's Office:

This comes to confirm that Bishop Martin will be pleased to license The **Rev'd Richard Sandland** as Rector of the Bowbrook Group at Hanbury Church on Sunday 3rd March at 4.00 pm.

CONTACT DETAILS:



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Lauren Jones – Parish Administrator

(For all enquiries including the booking of Church Halls)

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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am-2.30pm.

All Saints' Church Wardens:

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All Saints' Organist and Choirmaster

Ollie Neale, email: ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk

Information for the Newsletter:

Please let me have any news or items for next week's Newsletter from either St Godwald's or All Saints' by 12 noon on Tuesday, Thank you,

Catherine Maund: cmaund1@sky.com