

All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

17th November 2019:

2nd Sunday before Advent

(3rd Sunday of the month, Year C)

A warm welcome to all.

We have an audio loop around the church. If you wish to use it, please set your hearing aid to the correct setting.

Please tell us if you need a LARGE PRINT VERSION of the Newsletter.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17th November

8.00 am Said Communion
10.15 am Morning Worship

Wednesday 20th November

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterry
in the Church Hall

Friday 22nd November

7.00 pm Choir practice

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 24th November

10.15 am Sung Communion

Wednesday 27th November

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterry
in the Church Hall

Friday 29th November

7.00 pm Choir practice.

Committees

All Saints' DCC Tuesday 7th January at 7.30 pm at 12 Chapel Street.
Bromsgrove PCC Wednesday 27th November at 7.30 pm at St John's.
Buildings
& Finance Committee . . . Wednesday 11th December at 3.30 pm in the vestry.
Worship Committee tba
Mission and Pastoral
Committee Wednesday 29th January 3.30 pm in Vestry.

Please take this Newsletter and the Bible reading sheet home for reference.

A prayer for the week:

Lord, teach me to be generous;

Teach me to serve you as you deserve;

To give and not to count the cost;

To fight and not to heed the wounds;

To toil, and not to seek for rest;

To labour, and not to ask for any reward -

except to know that I am doing your will. Amen.

Sunday 24th November: All Saints' lunch at the Golf Centre, 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Please pay Edna soon.

Children's Society boxes: Please bring your box for Helen Waller to empty. If Helen is not at church the box will be placed in the safe. After the box is emptied please collect it for use in the future. If anyone else is interested in having a collecting box, Helen will be pleased to supply one. Speak to Helen or Sue Davidson.

Christmas Card arrangements this year

1. From 15th December there will be a table below the Good Shepherd window for you to leave your cards arranged alphabetically.
2. If you put a card for someone who does not come to church any longer, please stamp the envelope - someone will address the card and post it.
3. If you prefer to send a single card to everyone in the church rather than cards to individuals, please address it to All Saints and place it on the table near the door.

Confirmation Group: David will be starting an adult confirmation group after Christmas, hopefully leading to confirmation before Easter. It will meet on a day and time that suits everyone, possibly during the day. This group is especially for those who are new to the Christian faith, those who missed out on confirmation opportunities earlier in life, and also for those who, for whatever reason, dropped out of receiving communion at some time in the past. Whatever your background and age, this group is for you! If this is for you or for someone you know, please have a word with David who will gather names together over the next couple of months before starting the group in the new year.

December 7th 7.00 pm: Bromsgrove Choral Society Concert.

David Craig's funeral It was sad news to learn of the death of David, a former member of All Saints' Church and well-respected teacher of German at North Bromsgrove High School. Our sympathy goes to his wife Sarah and their sons. David's funeral will be at Redditch Crematorium on Friday 29th November at 11.45 am.

Mothers' Union: On Thursday 21st November Joyce Bush will give a talk entitled "Walking side by side". She is a very entertaining speaker. 2.30 in the Vestry. All welcome.

On Thursday 5th December at 12.00, Rev Sue is leading a service of Advent Carols interspersed with short readings. If you would like to join us, plus members from St Leonard's, Beoley, and the Bridge Church, Headless Cross, to sing Advent Carols, please come along.

'The Listening Service' offers young people in our two High Schools a confidential listening ear. Youngsters referred to the scheme need encouragement, support and affirmation.

Listening volunteers are drawn from local churches and receive full training and support for this invaluable role that often helps prevent larger challenges from developing. If you enjoy the company of teenagers, and can spare an hour or more a week please have a word with Norman Hewer, Nan Adie, David Ford or someone else you know involved in the scheme. Thank you!

Hustings Meeting organised by Churches Together in Bromsgrove

An opportunity to hear the election candidates.

Saturday 30th November 2019: at the Baptist Church in New Road. You are asked to be seated at 2:30pm, ready for a prompt 3:00pm start.

Chair: Rev David Ford. Members of the public are invited to submit questions to the web-site hustings@churchestogetherinbromsgrove.org.uk

Pensioners Fair: 10 am to 12 noon, Friday 22nd November at Parkside

Council House: an opportunity to see what opportunities and services are available for retired people. All welcome.

Knitting squares: Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcome Refugees (BRWR) needs knitted squares to make blankets for refugees. They should be 6 inches (15 cm) square, double knitting wool, knitted or crocheted. Please pass them to Tessa.

Date for your Diary: There will be a series of ‘open conversations’ around the diocese to discuss the need to re-structure paid ministry to meet strict budget targets. For Bromsgrove and surrounding areas, the meeting will take place at Catshill Social Club on the afternoon of Tuesday 4th February. Please put the date in your diary now and make every effort to attend. Thank you!

The Venerable Martin Gorick will be consecrated Bishop of Dudley on 28th January. He is currently the Archdeacon of Oxford and Residentiary Canon at Christ Church College and Cathedral.

Rector David Ford’s address is The Vicarage, 15 Fininstall Rd, Bromsgrove, B60 2EA. His telephone is 01527 873831; mobile: 07973 412625;

email: revdavidford@googlemail.com

David’s usual day off is from 5pm Thursday until Friday evening.

For baptisms, banns of marriage and wedding enquiries at All Saints, please visit the church during a **Vestry Time on the *first Tuesday evening in the month*** between 6.30 and 8.00 pm. The next vestry time is on Tuesday 3rd December. Baptisms may be for 12 noon on 2nd Sundays in most months.

If you have any difficulty or for any other enquiries, contact the Bromsgrove Parish Assistant, Heather Evans, 01527 577759, or pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com

Heather’s hours are 11 - 2 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our Churchwardens are:

Sue Ward 0121 453 3180 and Sue Bryant 01527 835728

To book All Saints’ Church Hall for an event: Please phone Tony Turpin on 01527 876659.

All Saints’ Organist Julian Manchee’s contacts are 01299 827866 and 07585 273957; email is:

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Newsletter Editor: Tessa Carrick 01527 873135 or email tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk. Please let Tessa have any items for Sunday’s Newsletter by Wednesday midday.

Advent and Christmas services: special arrangements

Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday

8.00 am Said Communion 10.15 am All age worship

6.00 pm Service of Darkness and Light: a Team Service at St John's Church.

Thursday 5th December 12 noon; Advent Carol Service organised by the Mothers' Union. All welcome.

Friday 6th December: 5.30 pm Scouts Service

Saturday 7th December

2.00 pm Bazaar

7.00 pm Bromsgrove Choral Society Concert

Thursday 12th December

7.00 am to 10.00 pm Polling for the Election in Church

Sunday 15th December

6.30 pm: Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. All Saints' Church will be joined by St. Godwald's.

Monday 16th December: Lickey End School service

Tuesday 17th December: 1.00 pm Wedding

Wednesday 20th December: Meadows School service

Friday 22nd December 7.00pm. (Choir members only.)

Carol Service at Brook Court.

Monday 23rd December 10.00 am Preparation of Christingles in Rosemary's Conservatory.

Tuesday 24th December

3.30 pm Christingle Service

11.00 pm Midnight service.

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00 am (provisional time) Holy Communion

(We will be joined by St Godwald's Church)

Sunday 29th December 10.00 am Team Service at Christ Church,

The Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7th December

from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the hall.

It's less than 3 weeks away so please get collecting goods!

Bazaar arrangements:

- 10.30 Small number of people to put out tables and to bring tables from church
- 11.30: Bringing goods from church and store. Sorting goods. Setting up stalls. General organisation.
- 1.30 Handing out floats
- 1.45 All stalls ready to sell
- 2.00 Doors officially open
- 4.00 Close stalls, pack up and clear up

The Stalls and Stallholders are listed below:

If there are any changes please speak to Barbara or Tessa.

Refreshments Brenda Timmins, Betty Thomas, (Barbara)

Raffle Clare Page *Games* Rosemary Sumner

Cakes Stella Noon and Margaret Wheeler

Toys & Jigsaws Suzanne Thompson & Jane Blick

Tombola Sue Bryant, Helen Waller

Bulbs Helper needed *Name this Penguin* Jenny Parry

Mystery bags Margaret Andrew, Lorna Parsonage

Books & DVDs Andrew and Ann Smeeton

White elephant Sue Davidson, Teresa Veitch, John Wyatt & ?

Christmas paraphernalia Mike Carrick, Win Cadd

Fancy Goods Paddy Homer, Caroline, Joyce Read

Nearly New Sue Ward, Jean Davenall

Relief & general help Carol Muldoon, Steve and Sarah Bull, Karl Brampton, Keith Waller, and others

Wanted for the Bazaar: Goods for all stalls

Raffle prizes Nearly new Indoor plants

Tombola: Sweets & non-alcoholic bottles

Homemade Cakes (on the day)

Bazaar items be placed in the boxes at the back of church.