

# All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

24th November 2019:

1st Sunday before Advent

(4th 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 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.

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 1st December : Advent Sunday

8.00 am Said Communion  
10.15 am All Age Worship  
6.00 pm Service of Darkness and  
Light at St John's Church.

### Wednesday 4th December

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterry  
in the Church Hall

### Friday 6th December

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, in my life today, I pray that you would increase the love I have for you and for others, that I might live a life worthy of your call, so that the name of Jesus might be glorified in me. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Today Sunday 24th November: All Saints' lunch** at the Golf Centre, 12.30 for 1.00 pm. Thanks to Edna and Tony.

**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 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.

**Sat December 14th 7.30 pm (corrected date and time):**

**Bromsgrove Choral Society Concert** at All Saints Church. Excerpts from J S Bach *Christmas Oratorio* and Carols. Tickets on the door £10 or contact Mrs Wendy Stevens Tel: 01527 873826.

**Mothers' Union: 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, with 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.

This will be 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 2.30 pm, ready for a prompt 3.00 pm start.

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

**Important Date for Your Diary:** There will be a series of 'open conversations' around the diocese for **discussions on the need to restructure paid ministry to meet budget targets.**

For Bromsgrove and surrounding areas, the meeting will take place at Catshill Social Club on the afternoon of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please put the date in your diary now and make every effort to attend.

**Knitted 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.

**Bromsgrove Parish web-site:**

**<https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/>**

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

email: [revdavidford@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: [julian.manchee@gmail.com](mailto:julian.manchee@gmail.com)

**Newsletter Editor:** Tessa Carrick 01527 873135 or email [tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk](mailto:tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk). Please let Tessa have any items for Sunday's Newsletter by Wednesday midday.

## **Advent & Christmas special arrangements** *(with corrections)*

*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.

*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

*Thursday 12th December*

7.00 am to 10.00 pm Polling Station for the National Election in Church

*Saturday 14th December* Carol Singing in the High Street (outside Iceland) at 3.00 pm

*Saturday 14th December* 7.30 pm Bromsgrove Choral Society Concert

*Sunday 15th December*

6.30 pm: Nine Lessons and Carols. We will be joined by St. Godwald's.

*Monday 16th December:* Lickey End School service

*Tuesday 17th December:* 1.00 pm Wedding

*Friday 20th December* (a correction) : Meadows School service

*Friday 20th 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

10.15 am Holy Communion (We will be joined by St Godwald's Church)

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

## **The Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 7th December**

**from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the hall.**

*It's less than 2 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, Pat Gulliver

*Raffle* Clare Page      *Games* Rosemary Sumner

*Cakes* Stella Noon and Margaret Wheeler

*Toys & Jigsaws* Suzanne Thompson & Jane Blick

*Tombola* Sue Bryant, Helen Waller

*Bulbs* Carol Muldoon *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 Collins, Joyce Read,  
Bronwen Warr

*Nearly New* Sue Ward, Jean Davenall

*Relief & general organisation* Steve and Sarah Bull, Karl  
Brampton, Keith Waller, Tessa Carrick, Barbara Murphy, etc.

**URGENT: Wanted for the Bazaar:** Goods for all stalls

Raffle prizes    Nearly new    Indoor plants

Tombola: Sweets & non-alcoholic bottles

Homemade Cakes (on the day)

*Items may be placed in the boxes at the back of church.*