All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

22nd and 29th December 2019

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.

<u>NEXT WEEK</u> Sunday 22nd December

10.15 am Sung Communion

Tuesday 24th December
3.30 pm Christingle
11.00 pm Midnight
Communion

Wednesday 25th December 10.15 am Christmas Day service

Friday 27th December 7.00 pm No choir practice.

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



Thank you to all who have cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas and to Julian and the choir for the music.

Committees

All Saints' DCC Tuesday 7th January at 7.30 pm at 12 Chapel Street. Bromsgrove PCC Monday 13th January at 7.30 pm at Christchurch Buildings
& Finance Committee Wednesday 12th February 3.30 pm in the vestry.
Worship Committee tba
Mission and Pastoral
Committee Wednesday 29th January 3.30 pm in the vestry.

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

A prayer for use during this week:

Lord God, in all the decisions I need to make, give me wisdom and strength.

Help me be brave enough to change my mind if that is what I need to do.

May I be open to your will at work in me.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

<u>Sunday 29th December</u>: The Team Service will be at 10.00 am at Christ Church, Catshill. There will be no service that Sunday at All Saints.

Sunday January 5th

8.00 am Said Communion.

190.15 am All age worship

Tuesday 7th January

The DCC will meet at 12 Chapel Street at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 8th January

The Chattery resumes.

Friday 10th January

7.00 pm Choir practice.

Sad news: Trevor Hill died last weekend in Tutnall Hall and Dr Pam Gough died on Tuesday 17th December in Housman Court. Both were in their 90s.

Trevor has been suffering from a painful illness. He did many things for the church and there are reminders all around the building in the carpentry he did. He acted as deputy church warden for a time and was a steward for many years. More recently he helped Paddy and Selina clean the brass and silver.

Pam has been fading over the past months. She was a geography lecturer at Shenstone College and did a great deal of historical research both on All Saints' Church and the Worcestershire woodlands for Worcestershire Wildlife Trust of which she was a former Council member and trustee. She was very generous to All Saints' Church, especially helping with cash flow for large repair projects.

Cleaning & tidying up church: afternoon of Tuesday 28th January.

Confirmation Group: David will be starting an adult confirmation group after Christmas, hopefully leading to confirmation before Easter.

The Bromsgrove Parish's Mission activities: PCC and DCC members are invited to attend a discussion meeting at St John's Church Hall on Saturday 8th February from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Each Council member please bring another member of the congregation with you to join in the discussion.

'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. 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 involved in the scheme. Thank you!



Best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year

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 2.00 to 4.30 at Catshill Social Club on the afternoon of Tuesday 4th February. Please make every effort to attend.

Bromsgrove Parish web-site:

https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/

Rector Rev. David Ford's address: The Vicarage, 15 Finstall 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 usually between 6.30 and 8.00 pm. The next vestry time is on Tuesday 7th January 2020 (ending early at 7.30 pm). 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

<u>To book All Saints' Church Hall for an event</u>: 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

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