

All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

8th December 2019:

2nd Sunday of Advent

(2nd Sunday of the month, Year A)

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 8th December

10.15 am Sung Communion

Wednesday 11th December

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterery
in the Church Hall

Friday 13th December

7.00 pm Choir practice.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 15th December

8.00 am Said Communion
10.15 am Morning Worship
6.00 pm Service of Nine
Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 18th December

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterery
Christmas celebrations
in the Church Hall

Friday 20th December

7.00 pm Choir meet to
move to Brook Court
by 7.15 pm

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 11th December at 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:

*O Lord, clear away any darkness
that resides in my life.*

*May I put on the armour of light,
be assured of your salvation,
and be determined to follow your ways.*

*Remind me of your faithfulness
and inspire a new hope in my heart.
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Bazaar: Thank you to everyone who contributed in so many ways. It was a wonderful team effort.

Carol singing in the High Street: Saturday 14th December at 3.00 pm outside Iceland.

Saturday December 14th 7.30 pm: Bromsgrove Choral Society Concert at All Saints Church. Excerpts from J S Bach *Christmas Oratorio* and Carols. Tickets on the door £10..

Flowers for Christmas: Please give donations towards flowers to decorate the church for Christmas to Ann Smeeton, or if she is not at church, donations may be given to Edna Neale. Thank you.

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.

Christmas Card arrangements this year

Several people will be following David and only sending to people they do not see. Some of them will place a single card for all the congregation on a table at the back of church and will make a donation to a charity.

If you want to give to individuals:

1. From Sunday 15th December there will be a table near the Good Shepherd window for cards to be 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.

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.

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.

Confirmation Group: David will be starting an adult confirmation group after Christmas, hopefully leading to confirmation before Easter. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please have a word with David.

‘**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!

Christmas special arrangements

Sunday 15th December: 6.30 pm: Nine Lessons and Carols.

Monday 16th December: Lickey End School service.

Tuesday 17th December: 1.00 pm Wedding.

Friday 20th December: Meadows School service.

Friday 20th December 7.00pm. Choir only at Brook Court.

Monday 23rd December 10.00 am Preparation of Christingles.

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).

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

Chatterry dates for the next few Wednesdays:

18th December: Celebrating Christmas.

December 25th and January 1st: **No** Chatterry. 8th January Restarts.

Bromsgrove Parish web-site:

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

Rector David Ford's address :

The Vicarage, 15 Fininstall Rd, Bromsgrove, B60 2EA.

His telephone is 01527 873831; mobile: 07973 412625;

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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 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

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

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