

All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

1st December 2019:

Advent Sunday

(1st 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 1st December :
Advent Sunday

8.00 am Said Communion
10.15 am All Age Worship
6.00 pm Service of Darkness to
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

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 8th December

10.15 am Sung Communion

Wednesday 11th December
2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterry
in the Church Hall

Friday 13th December
7.00 pm Choir practice.

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 God, sometimes my days feel so unproductive –
tasks can feel repetitive and uninspiring.*

Refresh me in my daily work,

in the things I do for you and for others.

Make me strong in love and compassion,

that I may reflect your glory,

even in the smallest pieces of my life.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Today Sunday 1st December: 6.00 pm Service of Darkness
to Light for Advent at St. John's Church.**

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 Sunday 15th December there will be a table below 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.
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.

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.

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. If this is for you or for someone you know, please have a word with David who will gather names together before starting the group in the New Year.

Bazaar publicity leaflets: If you are able to display a poster or distribute a few leaflets to houses and friends, please pick up copies at the back of church. Thank you.

Mothers' Union: On Thursday 5th December at 12.00, Rev Sue is leading a service in All Saints Church 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.

Chatterry dates for the next few weeks:

Wednesdays 4th and 11th December: Meetings as usual.

Wednesday 18th December: Celebrating Christmas together.

Wednesdays December 25th and January 1st: **No** Chatterry meetings.

Wednesday 8th January: Chatterry meetings restart.

'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 involved in the scheme. Thank you!

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.

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 or contact Mrs Wendy Stevens Tel: 01527 873826.

Bromsgrove Parish web-site:

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

Rector 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*** between 6.30 and 8.00 pm. The next vestry times are on Tuesday 3rd December & Tuesday 7th January 2020. 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: julian.manchee@gmail.com

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 & Christmas special arrangements

Sunday 1st December Advent Sunday

8.00 am Said Communion 10.15 am All age worship

6.00 pm Service of Darkness to Light: 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: 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 only 6 days away so please bring plenty of goods along!

Bazaar Timetable:

- 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.
Return tables belonging to the church.

Guidelines for Stallholders :

1. We have fewer larger tables this year. You may need to use card tables or small tables but all major stalls will have at least one table but .
2. Make sure you have a cloth for your table. Tessa may have some spares.
3. Please provide a money box or a bumbag for use on your stall.
4. Please have your stall ready by 1.45 pm.

URGENT: Wanted for the Bazaar:

We need goods for **all** stalls including:

Raffle prizes Fancy goods and jewelry

Nearly new clothes

Indoor plants

Tombola: Sweets & non-alcoholic bottles

Homemade Cakes (on the day) for stall and refreshments

***THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
AND YOUR HARD WORK—ENJOY YOURSELVES.***