

# All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

23rd February 2020

1st Sunday before Lent

(4th 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 23rd February

10.15 am Sung Communion

### Wednesday 26th February

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterbox  
in the Church Hall

### Friday 28th February

7.00 pm Choir practice.

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 1st March

8.00 am Said Communion

10.15 am All Age Worship

### Wednesday 4th March

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterbox  
in the Church Hall

### Friday 6th March

7.00 pm Choir practice

## Committees

All Saints' DCC .....	Tuesday 17th March at 7.30 pm in the Vestry.
Bromsgrove PCC .....	Tuesday 21st April at 7.30 pm at All Saints' Church.
Buildings	
& Finance Committee ...	Wednesday 29th April at 3.30 pm in the Vestry.
Worship Committee .....	tba
Mission and Pastoral	
Committee .....	Wednesday 8th July 3.30 pm in the Hall.

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

**A prayer for use daily this week:**

*O God, our Creator and Redeemer, thank you for your loving embrace of all the world and its many peoples. We pray for all of us who profess a faith, that we may grow in healthy relationship and dialogue with one another, learning to respect our differences and celebrate our similarities. Amen.*

IT'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT. When you buy something which bears the Fairtrade mark you know that the producer receives a fair payment for his or her effort and the employers make sure that the workforce community has enough to provide adequate schooling and healthcare. Why not try to buy at least one extra Fairtrade Product when you are shopping both weeks of this fortnight?

**Shrove Tuesday Pancakes on 25th February**, 10.30-12 noon at 12 Chapel Street. Proceeds for **Workaid**, which renovates tools, etc, to send to Africa. Bring and Buy and Raffle. Tickets £2 at the door.

**Two Ash Wednesday services** we are welcome to attend on 26th February. There will be no service at All Saints.  
10.00 am *Communion with Imposition of Ashes* at St Godwald's (Ruth Heald Room)  
7.30 pm *An ecumenical service with Imposition of Ashes* but no communion at St John's Church.

**Lent Discussion Course at All Saints' Church**

Meetings on **Thursdays** 27th February, 5th, 12th and 26th March and 2nd April from 2.00 to 3.30 pm in the Vestry.  
***Please pay Rosemary £3-80 for Course Booklets you have ordered.***

## **All Saints' Annual Report: URGENT**

**Please make sure you give all contributions to Pam Rosewarne today 23rd February. You can send them as an attachment by email to [crawleypamela@hotmail.com](mailto:crawleypamela@hotmail.com)**

### **Dates for your diary (including updates)**

*Tues 25th February* 10.30 -12 noon. Pancakes and coffee at 12 Chapel Street.

*Wed 26th February:* Ash Wednesday services.

*Fri 6th March* 2.30 World Day of Prayer Service at Methodist Centre.

*Sat 7th March* 10.00 -11.30 am. "Grave Talk" discussion in Ruth Heald Room, St. Godwald's Church.

*Sat 28th March.* Evening. Barnt Green Choral Society Concert.

*Sun 29th March:* 10.00 am Team Service at St Godwald's.

*Thurs 2nd April:* Thursday Opening of Church begins.

*Sun 5th April:* 12 noon Annual All Saints' District Church Meeting (ADCM). Nibbles available.

*Sun 19th April:* 10.00 am Team service at Dodford Church.

*Tues 28th April:* 7.30 pm Bromsgrove Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) at All Saints' Church.

*Sat 2nd May:* Bromsgrove Choral Society concert.

*Sat 9th May:* Come and Sing parts of Handel's Messiah.

*Fri 15th May evening:* Opening of Art Exhibition.

*16th-24th May* 10.00- 4.00 pm Art Exhibition at All Saints.

*Tues 7th July* 2.30-4.30 pm: Cream tea for Mission funds.

*Sun 9th August* 12 noon: Summer lunch in aid of Church Homeless Trust.

*Sat 12th September* 10.00-4.00 pm Ride and Stride and Heritage Opening of the Church.

*Sat 26th September.* Come and Sing again.

*Sun 18th October* 12 noon: One World Week Lunch.

*Sat 5th December:* Christmas Bazaar. 2.00-4.00 pm.

**Lent 2020 - Come and See:** this Lent we are encouraging you to invite someone you know to come along to a church service or event that they don't normally attend. This might be a member of the church community, neighbour or friend. There are postcards at the back of church to help you do this. As we all know, to receive a personal invitation is a precious gift; let's try to embrace this invitational approach to church life as part of our Lenten discipline this year.

**The Five Marks of Mission talks:** David Ford will be offering five talks during Lent on The Five Marks of Mission. These will take place in the Ruth Heald Room at St Godwald's Church on Wednesday mornings throughout Lent at 10am as part of St Godwald's regular mid-week service. Everyone is very welcome. The talks will also be available online afterwards on the parish website.

**World Day of Prayer: Friday 6th March** at 2.30 pm at Bromsgrove Methodist Centre. This service for all in the area was written by the women of Zimbabwe. Participants in Australasia will hold the first service of the day which will then be held in countries around the world, travelling West to the Americas.

**Grave Talk: a café event to talk about death, dying and funerals** - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am-11.30am

It's not always easy talking about the end of life questions that we all have. This Grave Talk coffee morning offers a safe and supportive way to begin those conversations amongst friends, sitting informally at coffee tables. Thought provoking question cards will spark gentle conversation in small groups over refreshments. *Please join us – all are very welcome.* In the Ruth Heald Room, St Godwald's Church, Finstall Rd.

**Churches Together in Bromsgrove (CTIB) events**

**cancelled:** the events advertised previously for 4th March and 25th April have been cancelled. It is hoped that new activities will be organised later in the year.

**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](mailto:revdavidford@googlemail.com)

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

**For enquiries about baptisms, banns of marriage and weddings 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 will be Tuesday 3rd March 2020 and Tuesday 7th April. Baptisms may be booked for 12 noon on 2nd Sundays in most months.

**If you have any difficulty, or for any other enquiries**, contact

the Bromsgrove Parish Administrator, 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.

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