All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

1st March 2020 1st Sunday of Lent

(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

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 1st March

Sunday 8th March

8.00 am Said Communion 10.15 am All Age Worship

10.15 am Sung Communion

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 11th March

2.00-3.30 pm The Chattery in the Church Hall

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Friday 6th March 7.00 pm Choir practice

Friday 13th March

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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:

Jesus, I journey with you today as you journey with me. Let me go where you go. Amen.

<u>Pancakes morning</u>: thank you to everyone who supported the morning and to Barbara Murphy who hosted it. Over £140 was raised for Workaidwhich sends tools to Africa.

Lent Discussion Course at All Saints' Church

Remaining meetings will be on **Thursdays** 5th, 12th and 26th March and 2nd April from 2.00 to 3.30 pm in the Vestry.

<u>Lent 2020 - Come and See</u>: 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 welcome. The talks will also be available online afterwards on the parish website.

The Five Marks of Mission

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

World Day of Prayer: Friday 6th March: 2.30 pm

at Bromsgrove Methodist Centre. This service for all was written by the women of Zimbabwe. Participants in Australasia will hold the first service of the day. It will then be held in countries across the world, travelling west to the Americas.

Grave Talk: a café event to talk about death, dying and funerals - Saturday 7th 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.

What is happening in the Yemen? A presentation at the Bromsgrove Justice and Peace Group.

Tuesday, 10th March at 7.30 pm At St. Peter's Community Centre, Rock Hill B60 3LU

This presentation will be given by Abdullah and Sarah who have lived and worked in the Yemen.

"The Yemen is in the midst of a protracted humanitarian and developmental crisis. 24.1 million people, 80% of the Yemeni population, are in need of humanitarian aid and protection. It is now the largest humanitarian crisis in the world."

<u>Communion while there is a risk of coronavirus</u> infection: An important instruction from the bishops

Communicants may take the bread (the wafer) only or the bread plus the wine sipped from the chalice - either counts as taking Communion. Dipping the wafer in the wine (intinction) is not advised except in the rare case of people not being able to sip from the chalice. The practice of intinction is never recommended, even at times when there is no special health risk, since it has a greater chance of passing on disease.

Services during Lent:

22nd March Mothering Sunday 10.15 am service

29th March Team Service 10.00 am Communion at

Christ Church Catshill

5th April Palm Sunday 8.00 am Said Communion

10.15 am All age service

for Palm Sunday

6th April Monday of Holy Week 11.0 am Chrism service

At the Cathedral: all

welcome

9th April Maundy Thursday 2.30 pm Communion

for Mothers' Union: all others are welcome

7.30 pm Holy Communion

with foot washing at St. Godwald's

10th April Good Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon:

Crafty church for families 2.00—3.00 pm Meditation

around the Cross

7.00 pm Olivet to Calvary

led by the choir

11th April Holy Saturday 8.00 pm Service of Light

and First Fire

12th April Easter Day 10.15 am Easter

Communion

19th April Easter 1 10.00 am Communion at

Dodford

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Eight Days based in Jerusalem and Galilee

10-17th February 2021 With the Bromsgrove Deanery

Led by Rev. Francis Moloney
(Team Curate, Holy Trinity, Redditch)
In conjunction with McCabe Pilgrimages
For full details call 07498 319557
or email revfrancismoloney@holytrinityredditch.org.uk

Rev. Francis Moloney led a similar pilgrimage this year. You can see a short video on: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KlxTghZpJam5yQu0Msc1 CQMPgld70jJ5/view?usp=sharing



Would you like to knit blanket squares for Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees?

If so, double knitted 6 inch squares should be given to Tessa Carrick who will get the squares to the BRWR craft team.

<u>Fairtrade Fortnight</u>: Please support shops and cafés selling fairtrade drinks, foods and other items during this 2nd week of Fairtrade Fortnight. Fairtrade which gives proper pay to people in developing countries.



Some fairtraded items to look out for especially during Fairtrade Fortnight



Coffee

Tea

Olive oil

Chocolate

Bananas

Wine



Dates for your diary (including updates)

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.

Wed 6th May: 7.30-9.45 Come & Sing Messiah Rehearsal.

Sat 9th May: 4.00-6.30 Come & 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.



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

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 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

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: julian.manchee@gmail.com

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