

All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

22nd March 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday and Covid-19 Virus Sunday

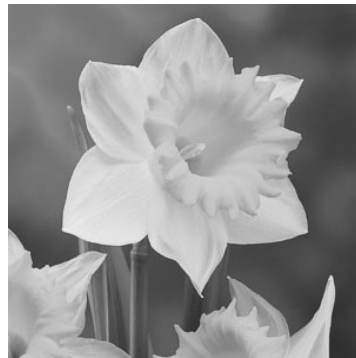
(4th Sunday of the month, Year A)

There are no services in Church of England Churches for the time-being.

However All Saints' Church will be open for private prayer from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm this Sunday 22nd March. There will be no heating so wrap up warmly. Keep away from other people.

This is an extraordinary time!
Greetings on Mothering Sunday!

We send our best wishes to all ladies, and indeed to all of you, hoping that you will stay safe and will not find this challenging time too difficult.



We are asked to pray about the COVID-19 Virus pandemic and at 7.00 pm Sunday 22nd we are asked to put a lighted candle in a window to show solidarity with everyone.

There will be Sunday services on Radio and Television. At 1.15 pm on this Sunday 22nd the service on BBC 1 will celebrate the work of the Mothers' Union.

Please keep this Newsletter and the Bible reading sheet for reference.

A prayer for use daily this week:

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

Keeping in touch: During the period in which there will be no public services in churches the weekly Newsletter will be distributed either by email or by hand. Our Rector will be preparing a weekly pastoral letter and we will send this and the readings for the week to everyone.

There will be no meetings in Church for the time-being. All services, choir practices, the Chatterbox, the Mothers' Union meetings and Lent discussions will not take place until the crisis is over. However, we will be arranging various ways in which people can keep in touch. All events are subject to change.

Thursday Church Opening: We hope that the church will be opened in the future for people to make quiet visits. Plans for this are still on-going. If this happens it will not be stewarded.

Stewardship donations: Please return the envelopes and forms to Sue Davidson stating what your planned giving will be for the year 2020 so that she can budget.

Regular donations to the church are even more needed at present. *Please make sure your weekly donations reach Sue Davidson, our Treasurer, regularly*—to make arrangements for this phone her on 01527 575015 or email

davidsonsue10@yahoo.co.uk

The Prayer Workshop for Lent 2020: Body Prayer which was to have been led by Canon David Lingwood on Saturday 28th March **HAS BEEN CANCELLED, WITH REGRET.**

Sadly, all Lent and Easter Services and the Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness are cancelled.

New Worcester Diocese Prayer Diaries will be delivered to people as soon as possible.

The New Parish Website (www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk)

will be an important way of keeping in touch now. If you would like to send something for inclusion to Sarah and Stephen Bull, who run our section of the site, please use their special email address: **allsaints_bromsgrove@outlook.com**.

It might be a reflection on how you or other people are coping with Covid-19 or a photograph of something that shows the church, its grounds or a church activity. If it is a photograph, please remember to get permission from anyone who features in the foreground!

The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:
<https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/>

<https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/337583/COVID-19.aspx> is very informative. If you press the second highlighted “here” you will find useful suggestions for coping with self-isolation. It’s written by David and Liz’s daughter, Becky Ford.

David’s weekly lent talks are now available on:

https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/327376/Lent_2020.aspx

David’s sermons on Stewardship are on the main web-site www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk and then going to Faith and then Sermons.

Sadly, Siobhan and Josh's wedding has been postponed because of the COVID-19 Virus situation.

Barnt Green Choral Society's Mozart's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass*: Cancelled.

Dates for your diary (All are subject to change)

Thurs 2nd April: Thursday Opening of Church begins.

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

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

Sunday 3rd May: Confirmation Service.

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

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

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.

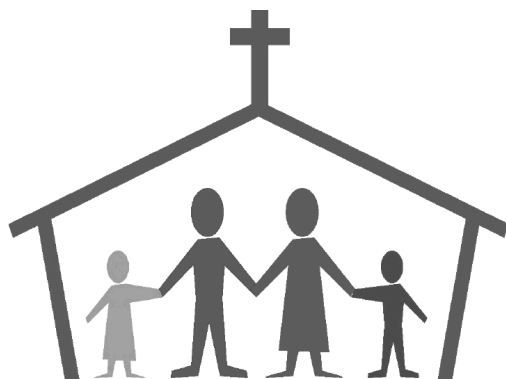
Sat 26th September: Come and Sing again.

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

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

Phoning round the people on my cascade, I was told two jokes:

- Seen on a shop door: No toilet rolls are kept overnight on these premises.
- After talking about daffodils, I was asked: What bulbs don't need water? Answer: Light bulbs. I groaned!



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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 time will be 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:
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