

# All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

29th March 2020

5th Sunday of Lent

(5th Sunday of the month, Year A)

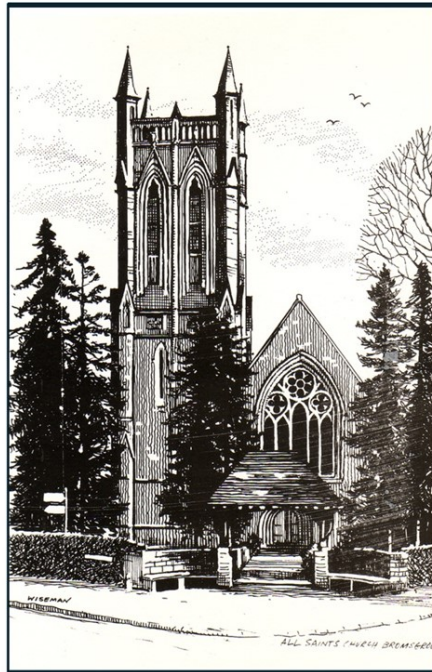
**There are no services in Church of England Churches  
for the time-being.**

**Unfortunately we are not even able to open the church.**

We will continue to send information out by email but will may not always be able to deliver to those who have no email. Please keep in touch with people by phone, especially if you are a Cascade leader. Everyone will benefit from phone contact.

We are asked to pray about the COVID-19 Virus pandemic.

There will be Sunday services on Radio and Television.



**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.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort,  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

**Keeping in touch:** During this period in which there will be no public services in churches the weekly Newsletter will be distributed by email but we may not be able to duplicate copies and deliver them by hand. Our Rector, David, will be preparing a weekly pastoral letter and we will send this and the readings for the week and a sermon to everyone on email. It's very important to keep in touch with people by phone, especially for those who do not have email. If you would like to phone around but haven't any telephone numbers, please phone Mike and Tessa on 01527 873135 for a chat.

The church will not be open and there will be no meetings in Church . All services including those for Holy Week and Easter are cancelled and no other activities will take place until the crisis is over. The advertised events are likely to be cancelled for 3 months, at least until mid June.

**Stewardship donations:** If you have not already done so, 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](mailto:davidsonsue10@yahoo.co.uk)

**Thursday Church Opening:** This will be suspended for the time-being.

**The Church's Annual Meetings**—the District Meeting (ADCM) & the Parish Meeting (APCM) - are postponed. Council members will stay in post until the meetings; Deanery Reps will stay in post until 30th November unless they wish to resign sooner.

**All Saints Donations to the Basement Food Bank**

Each week at All Saints' we usually leave food and other donations at the back of the church to be taken to the Basement, Hanover Road, for the homeless. Now, at a time when they are more urgently needed than ever, we cannot do this. So I am proposing the following:

Telephone me, Mike Carrick, on 01527 873135, and say what money you would like to donate. I will make a note of all the donation promises. Then from time to time I will send a cheque to the Basement. I will use my funds for this and when the crisis is over, you can reimburse me. (You will have to trust me!) Then they will buy food. You can phone me each time you want to make another donation—once a week, or whenever you feel like it. In this way I hope we can continue to help people who badly need it. Every donation, however small, is welcome. I have already received promises of £70. Hope you are managing! Thanks, Mike (Carrick)

**The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:**

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

If you have a contribution for the web-site, please send it to Sarah and Steve Bull on email: [allsaints\\_bromsgrove@outlook.com](mailto:allsaints_bromsgrove@outlook.com)

**<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 is written by David and Liz's daughter, Becky Ford.

**BBC Hereford & Worcester**

You can listen to Radio H & W on FM: 104, 104.4, 104.6, 94.7, MW: 73.8, 584.

**David's weekly Lent talks are now available on:**

[https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/327376/Lent\\_2020.aspx](https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/327376/Lent_2020.aspx)

**David's sermons on Stewardship** are on the main web-site:

[www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk](http://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk) and then go to Faith and then Sermons.

**Vestry hour** is cancelled for the time-being.

**Dates for your diary (All are subject to change)**

*Sunday 3rd May:* Confirmation Service. (Probably 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.

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

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

**Are you worried about money during  
the Covid-19 shutdown?**

This is a useful link to guide people anxious about money at the moment:

[www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money?fbclid=IwAR2vTpTuwaHk9ALn9KGPILawK5iZuaYL4nkOipv2dBzhBCNYK2IJFrE5CxQ](http://www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money?fbclid=IwAR2vTpTuwaHk9ALn9KGPILawK5iZuaYL4nkOipv2dBzhBCNYK2IJFrE5CxQ)

**John Richardson recommends the C of E website:**

On that there are services of Morning and Evening Prayer, also Compline for each day, in both contemporary and traditional (BCP) formats.

**Are you a wildlife enthusiast?**

If you would like to watch ospreys on their nest, look at the website: [www.glaslynwildlife/live](http://www.glaslynwildlife/live).

You can watch a North Wales female osprey known as Mrs G who has returned to her nest from Africa for the 17th year. She has raised 31 chicks so far. She is awaiting the return of her mate, Aran. Sometimes the nest is empty because she is off fishing.



### **Keep up to date with “All Saints—This Week” on the parish website**

The Parish Website ([www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk](http://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk)) is an important way of keeping in touch at the current time. As well as David Ford's “Living with Covid-19” webpage ([https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/337583/Living\\_with\\_COVID.aspx](https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/337583/Living_with_COVID.aspx)), Sarah and Steve Bull are trying to keep the All Saints' specific 'This Week' webpage updated ([https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/327061/This\\_Week.aspx](https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/327061/This_Week.aspx) ). This page includes the latest newsletter, pastoral letter and changes due to Covid-19.

If anyone would like to contribute a piece for inclusion on the new website, please do let Steve and Sarah know via: [allaints\\_bromsgrove@outlook.com](mailto:allaints_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!

#### **Corona virus by Judith Rowe from St Godwald's Church**

- C** Coming together as Christians
- O** Openness with each other
- R** Reflect on what's happening
- O** Offering to help
- N** Needing Gods Love
- A** Applying ourselves to different needs
- V** Vigilant in our Daily Lives
- I** In this together
- R** Reaching out to the Needy
- U** United we stand
- S** Staying in touch

**An alternative mask idea:** It's a curious idea but the BBC has been suggesting that you may find a thong a possible substitute for a mask! That's if you have one tucked away!

From Pamela Rosewarne: Hi folks, I rather like this piece:

### **A Family in 'Lockdown': Noah's Ark**

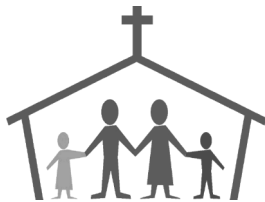
40 days, 40 nights in the Ark, Noah's family was confined in a boat.

There were no windows, no balconies, no terraces, no internet, no phone, no TV, no Youtube,



Facebook or Netflix. They only heard the rain. They spent their time praying, loving each other and caring for the animals. God the Father took care of them as Noah was a man of faith and obeyed His word. Remember even though there is out there an ocean of viruses and life seems like a stormy ride, our God is watching over us! "Do not be afraid!"

Be faithful to Him and wait patiently. The rain will stop one day. A rainbow will shine and all will be well again.



**Christian Aid Week:** All activities have had to be cancelled. This means Christian needs donations desperately. You can find how to donate on their web-site — or phone Rosemary Sumner on 01527 831575 to find out more.

**Safeguarding:** For those who need to take it,  
the C1 safeguarding course can now be done online.  
If people did C0 they use the same password. It may help the  
endless weeks to pass. Suzanne Thompson.

**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 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

Or speak to the Church Wardens.

**Our Church Wardens 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: [julian.manchee@gmail.com](mailto:julian.manchee@gmail.com)

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