

# All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

5th April 2020

Palm Sunday

(1st Sunday of the month, Year A)

Greetings and peace to everyone!!

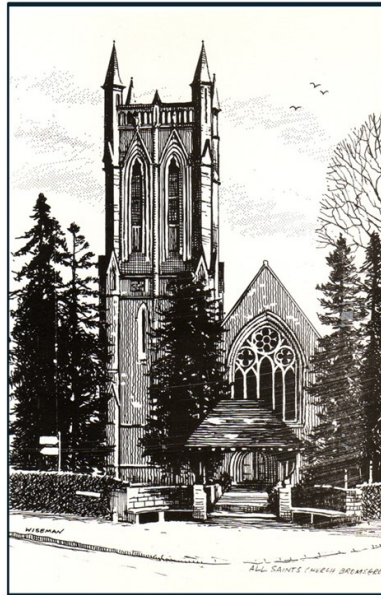
**There are no services in Church of England Churches .**

**Unfortunately we are not able to open the church  
for the time being.**

Sadly Holy Week and Easter events in churches are cancelled and many other activities will not take place until the crisis is over.

The advertised events are likely to be postponed until the crisis is over.

**We are asked to pray about this  
the COVID-19 Virus  
pandemic. In your prayers please  
remember those people  
struggling throughout the world,  
particularly in war-torn countries  
and refugee camps as well as all  
those world-wide who are working to keep everything  
going and to care for those who are sick.**



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

## A prayer for use daily this week:

*God of my life's journey,  
of the ups and downs, of the highs and the lows:  
when my footsteps take me to the mountain tops,  
may I immerse myself in your mystery,  
and turn my face towards your glory,  
so that when the valley calls and my world goes dark,  
I may be enabled to dig deep  
and call upon the richness of that encounter and stay strong,  
even through doubt and fear and aching. Amen.*

**Keeping in touch:** David is preparing one pastoral letter for this week as well as the Palm Sunday sermon. Enormous thanks have to go to David for managing to keep us all in touch so well. We did think that the cascade would have to be used in a time such as this, but, fortunately, we had got it more or less up to date in February. Barbara Murphy, Emily and Sue Thompson have managed to get newsletters distributed so far. Stella has kept in touch with people in Bilberry Place and Tessa with people at Brook Court. And, there's plenty of emailing and telephoning going on.



Last Sunday it was really heartening for those who could join in David's service on Passion Sunday using Zoom to see David, Liz and all the other people. If you are able, do try to take part on Palm Sunday.

It's very important to keep in touch with people by phone, especially for those who are on their own or do not have email and so may not receive the newsletters, etc. If you would like to phone around but haven't any telephone numbers, please phone Mike and Tessa on 01527 873135 for a chat.

**Stewardship donations:** Regular donations to the church are even more needed at present. *If you usually place your donations on the collection plate, please make sure your weekly donations are saved until we are able to return to church.* If you are concerned please get in touch with Sue Davidson, our Treasurer, on

01527 575015 or email [davidsonsue10@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidsonsue10@yahoo.co.uk)

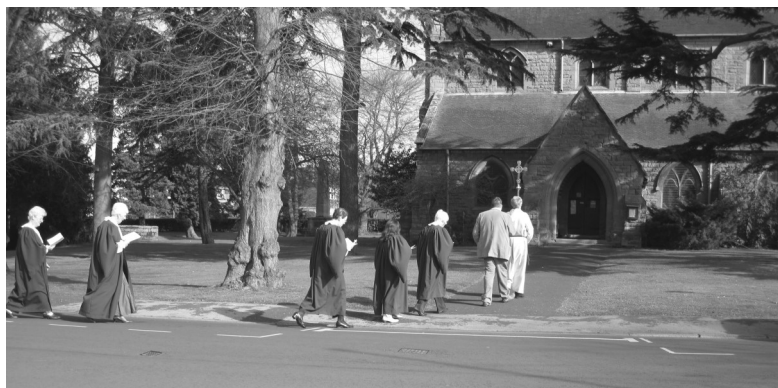
**For the Palm Sunday service at 10.30 on 5th April**

To participate in the service it is best to install the Zoom application well before the service using <https://zoom.us/download>:

About 10 minutes or even a quarter of an hour before the service

1. Open Zoom
2. Click on 'Join Meeting'
3. Click 'Join'
4. Then enter the details below:  
Meeting ID: 408 915 049  
Password: 548411

Do you remember this?



Processing across the road to church on a previous Palm Sunday

**Last Sunday's zoomed service**

Here is a link to last Sunday's service using Zoom. Be warned that the participants can easily interrupt the flow of the service and the recording by moving around!

David will draft some brief guidelines that people might find helpful....

Pass this link of the recording with other viewers:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/rec/share/z5dTIZjQ11NLGqec6h\\_FU74BRZW6T6a8gyZN-vMPnkgY6TM7myWy8BxB6ZTinYks](https://us04web.zoom.us/rec/share/z5dTIZjQ11NLGqec6h_FU74BRZW6T6a8gyZN-vMPnkgY6TM7myWy8BxB6ZTinYks)

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

Mike Carrick has proposed the following:

If you would like to donate to the Basement Project telephone Mike, 01527 873135, and say what money you would like to donate. He will make a note of all the donation promises. Then from time to time he will send a cheque to the Basement. Then they will buy food. He will use his own funds for this and when the crisis is over, you can reimburse him. (You will have to trust Mike!) You can phone him each time you want to make another donation—once a week, or whenever you feel like it.

Every donation, however small, will be welcome. So far £80 has been donated.

**The Church's Annual Meetings**—the District Meeting (ADCM) & the Parish Meeting (APCM) - are postponed.

**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.

**St Paul wrote:** "I want your hearts to be encouraged and united in love so that you may have knowledge of God's mystery, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures."

(Colossians 2: 2)





#### **While we are in isolation ....**

There are many ways of helping to keep in touch with people — a telephone call, an email, a card in the post or through a neighbour's door, a wave through the window when you pass a neighbour's house as you go out for your daily exercise.

And, for yourself, find some way of giving yourself a little treat each day and look out of your window to see the leaves emerging on the trees and listen to the birds singing as they look for mates and defend their territories.



#### **Some more useful links**

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

#### **John Richardson recommends:**

- Radio: The regular broadcast of Choral Evensong on Wednesdays at 15:30 with a repeat on Sunday afternoon from BBC Radio 3. There is a huge library of past services available online through the Choral Evensong website on Radio 3.
- Radio: The regular Sunday morning service on Radio 4 after the 8 o'clock news.
- Youtube on computer/tablet: All Saints used to be a "High" church. For those who miss the celebration of Holy Communion, the Vicar of St. Alban's in Birmingham is producing Youtube videos from his vicarage—look up St Alban's on your browser.

#### **Web-sites:**

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

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

If you can write a few words for the web-site, please send them to Sarah and Steve Bull on [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. These suggestions were written by Becky Ford, daughter of David and Liz.

**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 Parish web-site

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

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

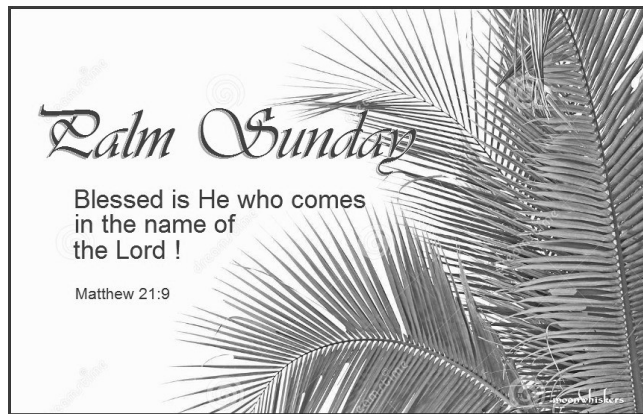
This is a useful link to guide people anxious about money:

**[www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money?fbclid=IwAR2vTpTuwaHk9ALn9KGPILawK5iZua](http://www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/coronavirus-and-your-money?fbclid=IwAR2vTpTuwaHk9ALn9KGPILawK5iZuaYL4nkOipv2dBzhBCNYK2IJFrE5CxQ)**

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**Inspiration** by Judith Rowe

An air of stillness over cities and towns;  
No one's about," don't bring out the clowns".  
No laughter of Children and no Face to Face,  
So totally strange to our usual Rat Race.  
Most of the buildings lie empty, forlorn  
But not in our hospitals where they work dusk till dawn.  
Our Doctors and Nurses are working full pace  
Tending the ill and the dying all over the place.  
So, let us all pause from Woman to Man  
And love one another as this was God's plan.  
Now is the time to love not to hate,  
To turn back the tide, before it's too late.  
And when this is over, how long that may be,  
We meet up with each other, and be able to see  
The look on the faces of all that we meet  
Of a future before us each with a blank sheet,  
To start off together with hope in our heart  
That we have come through this, so let's make a new start.



**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 Fininstall 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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them to me. Thank you.**