

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL
SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2020
Easter Sunday

Alternative Collect for today

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL 2020
Please see next column*

THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

As you know, the financial impact of COVID-19 on the church is enormous. Please keep setting aside your weekly offerings. Ask for envelopes if this would help. If you can make a one-off gift to the church at this time, or take out a standing order in favour of St Godwald's, this would be very much appreciated.

Our bank details are:

NatWest, 124 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8HJ

Account Name: St Godwald's DCC

Sort Code: 60-04-05 Account No: 03326136

Thank you!

Have you received a copy of this newsletter through your door but have an email address?

If so, please send your email address to Gill Moxon

gillmoxon@hotmail.co.uk

so that in future weeks we can email it to you.

This reduces the work load and the risk involved in home delivery. Thank you! Revd David Ford

CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Official COVID-19 Prayer from the Archbishops

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

Foodbank Collection: The NewStarts food bank continues to need your food donations and financial support. Please see previous newsletters for details. Enormous thanks from everyone at NewStarts.

St Basil's

A big thank you from St Basil's for all your support these past weeks. If donating financially, cash rather than cheques are preferred as all banking is centralised. Cash donations can be left in the vicarage post box for passing on. If you leave your details with your donation, I will provide a receipt. Thank you! David Ford.

Contact details for Revd David Ford - Team Rector

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Contact for our Parish Administrator:

Heather Evans, 01527 577759, or
pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11.00am – 2.00 pm

Parish Website

The parish website has a page devoted to COVID-19
https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/337583/COVID_19.aspx

***NB Rev David and Liz will be 'on holiday' from Easter Sunday afternoon until the following Sunday evening, so no service on Sunday following Easter and no communications from him during the week.**

Easter Lilies In place of a donation to purchase Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one this year, please consider making an additional donation to your church instead. If you can send me the name of the person you are remembering, I will create an Easter Lily memory page on the web site. Thank you! David.

Palm Crosses may be collected from either All Saints Church (a bag of them is within reach just inside the gate of the church) or St Godwald's Church (in the foyer where donations are being left for NewStarts and St Basil's). If you are reading this newsletter, a palm cross will hopefully have been dropped through your door. Please use your cross to aid your prayers this Holy Week and Easter or perhaps display it in a window as a sign that the light of Christ remains amongst us, however dark these days may feel.

Weekly sermons may be found on the web site here: <https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/335776/Sermons.aspx>

Check out this new web site – it's worth a look!
<https://supportbromsgrove.com/i-need-help-or-advice/>

Please Help our Local hospitals! – Sewing Projects

A Worcestershire-wide 'For the Love of Scrubs' - group is now set up, making and delivering laundry bags and headbands to all the hospitals in the county, supporting doctors, nurses and auxiliary staff. The Bromsgrove group has Caroline Khan as one of the co-ordinators. Laundry bags are made from poly-cotton pillowcases, and headbands from cotton or poly-cotton stretch knit (t-shirt) fabric. If you use Facebook you can join the group directly - [Worcestershire "For the Love of Scrubs - Our NHS Needs You"](#) and sign up on the Bromsgrove page. There is access to patterns and instructions.

Alternatively, if anybody has any spare pillowcases or good condition t-shirt fabric they'd like to donate for this purpose please would you let Liz Ford know and arrange for it to be dropped at St Godwald's Vicarage (a contact-free collection box is by our front door!). Liz will then arrange for it to be passed to people sewing these items. Liz can also deliver completed items to Caroline Khan once they're finished. Fabric needs to be clean but doesn't have to be new. All items are laundered at the hospitals on arrival. Liz Ford's email is lizthewhizz@googlemail.com Thank you!

NewStarts is rising to the challenge of the current crisis in imaginative ways. One possible new project is the sale of grocery boxes to people who are self-isolating and have no one to shop for them. The idea is a grocery equivalent to a veg box scheme. The cost is around £22-£25 including delivery per box. May I ask please...

1. Do you know if this service is needed?
2. What needs to be included?
3. Is the proposed pricing right?

The proposed contents would be: 1 x Tea, coffee, sugar and longlife milk; 2 Tinned meats - frankfurters, corned beef, ham, pies; 1 Tinned potatoes; 2 Tinned Vegetables; 1 Tuna; 2 Soup - tinned or packet; 2 Baked Beans; 1 Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce; 1 Tinned Tomatoes; 1 Pasta; 1 Pasta Sauce or 1 Rice, 1 Curry Sauces; 1 Tinned fruit; 2 Tinned custard/Instant custard; 1 Tinned Rice pudding or similar; 1 Cereal; 1 Squash; 1 Biscuits; 1 Crisps. All views and comments welcome please to: Marion Kenyon - chief.executive@newstarts.org.uk. Thank you! David.

RELIGIOUS TV AND RADIO THIS WEEK – FROM THE CHURCH TIMES – DISTRIBUTED BY DAVID

HIGHLIGHT: The Passion in Plants Bob Gilbert makes a pilgrimage in Holy Week, tracing the associations of British wildflowers with the events of Christ's Passion (1-3/5).

Monday-Wednesday 9.45am R4FM

TELEVISION: Friday 9pm (BBC2) Pilgrimage: The road to Istanbul The pilgrims spend the night in an ancient Serbian monastery and head to Sofia, Bulgaria, where two visit the city's only mosque (2/3).

Sunday 1.15pm (BBC1) Songs of Praise Sean Fletcher visits Lodging House, Mission, in Glasgow, and meets an artist who is working on a series of paintings of St Luke's Gospel.

Monday 9pm (BBC4) Du Fu: China's Greatest Poet Michael Wood travels in the footsteps of China's best-loved poet, whose family fled areas of the country as refugees.

RADIO: Sunday 8.10am (R4) Sunday Worship Reflections on times of trial, suffering, and bereavement.

3pm (R3) Choral Evensong A repeat of last week's archive recording from Magdalen College, Oxford, first broadcast in March 2016.

6.45pm (R3) Sunday Feature: Wordsworth — Poet of the people Jenny Uglow looks at the poet's response to the Industrial Revolution and contrasts his view with that of Adam Smith, the Enlightenment moral philosopher.

Monday 4.30pm (R4) Beyond Belief A discussion about sin (1/7).

3.30pm (R3) Choral Evensong An archive recording of Choral Vespers for Holy Week, from Westminster Cathedral, first broadcast on 8 April 1998.

Online Giving The donations page on the parish web site is not yet live so please do not attempt to give online through bromsgrovesparish.org.uk. We are currently investigating how the system works and hope to have it operational very soon! Thank you! David

Jack Strain RIP It is with sadness that we report that Jack died earlier this week in the Alex. Jack was a regular member of All Saints' 8am congregation; faithful and devoted in his worship and discipleship. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. David