

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.

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David's usual day off is from 5pm Thursday until Friday evening. He will be on holiday from midday on 12th until 20th April.

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

Heather's hours are 11 - 2 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Or speak to the Church Wardens (see below).

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

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If you have any items for the Newsletter, please send them to me. Thank you.

All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

EASTER SUNDAY: 12th April 2020

Alleliua! Christ is risen!

Greetings and peace to everyone this Easter!!

The message of Easter brings hope to the world, hope for what can be, for renewal of life, despite all the sorrows and anguish now across the world. Easter falls at a time of new life in our gardens and the countryside, which adds to the joy of the Easter message.

If you are able to do so, please join the Zoom service on Easter Day at 10.30 am. If you cannot manage that, perhaps you will be able to watch the TV service or listen to a service on the radio.



The empty tomb

And continue to pray for your family, friends, neighbours, our country, our churches and their leaders and the worldwide community. Give thanks for the many across the world, worshipping in the best way they can this Easter Sunday. And, continue to keep in touch with each other by phone.

A prayer at Easter:

***God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
and be with me, too, at this difficult time;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**For the Easter Sunday service at 10.30
on 12th 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: 247 411 5267
Password: 470747

You will be asked whether you want to use a camera and a microphone. Many people will get on line about 15 minutes before the service. This Sunday David will administering Communion; you may like to have some bread and wine available so you can join in the communion.

For Sunday 19th April

There will be no service on Zoom. David may give an alternative in his pastoral letter. Otherwise, you may listen to the radio or TV services (see page 5) or go to the Church of England website.



All Saints' Donations to the Basement Food Bank

If you would like to donate to the Basement Project telephone Mike Carrick, 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. They will then be able to 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. The good news is that so far £160 has been donated.

The Basement Project organiser has already written to say, "Thank you." They have coped so far but think they will soon run short of money to make up packs of food. They say that the Bromsgrove organisations helping people in need are all working together.

NewStarts wants your opinion: They are 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 box similar to a veg box scheme. The cost would be around £22-£25 including delivery per box. **What they want to know**

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 be welcome please to: Marion Kenyon - 01527 882410 or chief.executive@newstarts.org.uk.

Various ways in which you may be able to help

Please Help our Local hospitals!

A Worcestershire-wide group - '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, Rev Ray Khan's wife, 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 David and Liz's 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!

SMALL KNITTED DOLLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Several people at All Saints' have, in the past, produced beautiful knitted small dolls, soft toys and other items. This year, these would again be extremely useful, both for the Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal in the autumn and to sell at All Saints' Christmas Bazaar.

if you would like to knit something using wool you have already Mike Carrick has a number of knitting patterns. If you are interested, phone and he will give you details. Mike's contacts are: 01527 873135 or 0789 4351 306; email: mike.carrick@zen.co.uk

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Keeping in touch with each other: David has been kind to arrange for us all to keep in touch, using the phone, his pastoral letters and sermons and for those who can manage it, arranging services using Zoom. Indeed, for many Holy Week is proving extra special and moving this year.

He will be taking a holiday, with Liz, at home, after the Easter service until 20th April.

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 always receive the newsletters, etc. Unfortunately, it may be difficult to arrange delivery of newsletters in the week after Easter.

If you would like to phone around but haven't any telephone numbers, please phone Mike and Tessa on 01527 873135 for a chat.

David & Liz will be on holiday from the Easter service to 20th April.

Stewardship donations: Regular donations to the church are even more needed at present. If you can arrange for your donations to be made monthly on line and don't already do so, it would be wonderful. You may even be able to arrange it using the phone to your bank.

The Church Bank details are:

Name of account: DCC of All Saints Bromsgrove

Sort code: 20 98 61

Account Number: 40429198

If you are not doing the above and you usually place your donations on the collection plate, please save your weekly amounts until we return to the church.

For money given last year, our Treasurer, Sue Davidson, will not be sending thank you letters. But if anyone needs to know the details of their giving please contact Sue D on 01527 575015 or email davidsonsue10@yahoo.co.uk

Please note; It is not yet possible to give your donations through the Parish web-site.



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.

Easter Lilies David writes, "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!"

A message from Margaret Wheeler

Among the many thanks we've received, Margaret says thank you to the many people who have been keeping in touch with her by phone, helping her with bringing food, and letting her know about radio and TV programmes as well as delivering church news.

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=IwAR2vTpTuwaHk9ALn9KGPIlawK5iZuaYL4nkOipv2dBzhBCNYK2IJFrE5CxQ

David recommends this web-site for both those who want to volunteer and those who need help

<https://supportbromsgrove.com/i-need-help-or-advice/>

You may volunteer to help or seek help using this site.

Are you or someone you know under 25 and worried or in need?

The Basement Project is still there to help anyone under 25. They can assist with counselling and mediation, emotional support or through their foodbank. They have created a Skype virtual drop in site available from 11 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday. Or you can phone 07739 096475 or email info@basementproject.org.uk.

Their web-site is: <https://bromsgrovebasementproject.org.uk>

Some 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:

- **Wednesday Radio 3:** The regular broadcast of Choral Evensong is at 15:30 with a repeat on Sunday afternoon (also Radio 3).
There is a huge library of past services available online through the Choral Evensong website on Radio 3.
- **Sunday Radio 4:** The regular Sunday morning service is after the 8 o'clock news.
- **Worship programme on Sunday TV BBC1** is at 10.45-11.15.
- **Songs of Praise on Sunday TV BBC1:** 1.15 pm..

Web-sites:

The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:

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

Surely, you can write a few words for the web-site, please send them to Sarah and Steve Bull on allsaints_bromsgrove@outlook.com

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 Parish web-site:

www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk; then go to Faith & then Sermons.

The weekly sermons may be found on the web site here:

<https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/335776/Sermons.aspx>

<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.