

All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

3rd May 2020: 4th Sunday of Easter

Joining the Sunday service at 10.30 on 3rd May

To participate in the service it is best to install the Zoom application well before the service using <https://zoom.us/download> or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/408915049?pwd=RGISQWN6QU1JUn-B1UE9vZHAxbVR2UT09>

If you are using a computer or tablet
About 10 minutes 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

You will be asked whether you want to use a camera and a microphone.

Please note: During the service David will put everyone on "mute" for parts of the worship so that sounds in the background cannot be heard. If you don't want to be heard at other times you can put yourself on mute by finding the "mute" button in the strip which comes up at the bottom of the screen.

If you are using a phone:

You can listen in by telephone using one of these numbers:

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

If you don't succeed try one of the other numbers.

You will need to enter the Meeting ID & password:

ID 247 411 5267

Password 548411

During the service, David will administer Communion; you may like to have some bread and wine available so you can join in the communion.

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



A prayer for the week (adapted from the USPG Newsletter):

*We thank you that you are the source of healing and comfort.
Fill us, in these difficult times, with your grace and compassion,
For all who are affected by Covid-19: our neighbours near and far.
We pray that the sick may be restored,
That those who are anxious may be calmed,
And that the most vulnerable may be protected.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who brings healing, wholeness and peace. Amen.*

Sue Davidson's funeral will be held on Wednesday 13th May at 1.15 pm at the Redditch Crematorium. Only the family will be able to be present. There will be a thanksgiving and memorial service in the church later. Donations in memory of Sue may be made to Age UK Bromsgrove, for whom Sue did voluntary work looking after their accounts. Cheques noting that they are in memory of Sue Davidson can be sent to Age UK, 51 Windsor Street, Bromsgrove B60 2BJ (tel. 01527 570490) or can be paid using: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/brwf/about-us/contact-us/> using a card or PayPal.

75 years since VE Day: On Friday 8th May the BBC will be marking the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day. On radio there will be a recording of the speech by Sir Winston Churchill at 3.00 pm; on TV at 9.00 pm there will be a broadcast by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. How many of us are old enough to remember the street parties, with the sandwiches, little cakes, jelly, blancmange and junket? We had to wait until 2nd September for VJ Day, the final end of the war and a second street party.

Don't forget: keep in touch with your friends, neighbours and family during the shutdown.



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.
- **Wednesday Radio 3:** The regular broadcast of Choral Evensong is at 15:30 with a repeat on Sunday at 3.00 pm (also Radio 3).
- **Sunday Radio 4:** The regular Sunday morning service follows the 8.00 am news at 8.10 am.
- **Sunday TV BBC1: The worship programme;** 10.45-11.15 am. Led by the Very Rev. Kathy Jones, Dean of Bangor Cathedral.
- **Sunday TV BBC1: Songs of Praise on :** 1.15 pm.



The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:

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

You can find all kinds of other information by exploring the web-site.

Have you written anything for the web-site yet?! Sarah and Steve Bull would be delighted to hear from you; please send anything you write to Sarah and Steve on: allsaints_bromsgrove@outlook.com

Some suggestions: You might comment on the services we have had using Zoom or how you are occupying yourself during lockdown.

The Diocese of Worcester web-site is:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk>

It includes much interesting information.

Free talks on line: If you enjoy good theology, then you might enjoy watching a few free talks from the Bloxham Festival of Faith and Literature. These may be viewed on the Church Times You Tube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBtYmJcTGwktl15kqVc3zo3vO6xzCuUO9>. They include an hour long talk by the next Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell.

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. The Church Bank details are:

Name of account: DCC of All Saints Bromsgrove

Sort code: 20 98 61

Account Number: 40429198 Quote as reference your own name.

If you do not want to pay through the bank and you usually place your donations on the collection plate, please save your weekly amounts until we return to the church. At the moment, following the sad death of Sue Davidson, it is best not to send anything by post or to try to deliver the money directly to anyone.

The DCC are making new arrangements for someone to look after the church accounts and stewardship arrangements.

All Saints' Donations to the Basement Food Bank

We have had a letter giving huge thanks for the All Saints' donations. Mike has now been able to pass on £407 so far. The Basement Project, NewStarts and the Catshill Baptist Foodbank are fortunately able to share their efforts as necessary, so that is good news.

A reminder: 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. Every donation, however small, will be welcome.

THE SUPPORT BROMSGROVE WEB-SITE: David recommends the "Support Bromsgrove" organisation and its web-site for both those who want to volunteer and those who need help:

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

or telephone 01527 306490. Tessa has used this service to collect prescriptions and she has been very impressed and grateful for their help.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 May 2020

Like everybody else, many charities including Christian Aid are finding life difficult; there are more demands and fewer donations as Covid-19 spreads across the world.

Last year Christian Aid Week raised £8 million but this year will be different. House-to-house collections and most fund-raising activities have been cancelled so it depends on us to help by donating directly. It will be a huge challenge to approach that amount in 2020. This is how to donate:

- On the Christian Aid web-site, you can make a one-off or a regular payment using your credit card.
- You can phone 020 7523 2269 to donate using a credit card.
- You can arrange a bank transfer by phoning 020 7523 2226.

Christian Aid prefers that you don't pay by a cheque sent by post because that involves big delays.



WHY NOT KNIT A SMALL DOLL 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 a doll, with clothes to dress it, or a clown or bear using wool you have already Mike Carrick has a number of knitting patterns that he will be happy to send to you. Mike can also help you to obtain wool. He is also able to provide crochet patterns. Scarfs and small hats are also useful for the Shoe Boxes. 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

Bible Study David is hosting a new online bible study group on Thursday mornings, 11am to 12 noon. Each week we will take a passage from the gospel of Luke and read, reflect, discuss and debate it. It's an opportunity for fellowship and for deepening our understanding. Anyone is welcome to join and contribute.

Joining instructions are:

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86518251669>

Telephone: 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196.

Meeting ID: 865 1825 1669; no password needed.

The Church of England has set up a free, 24 hour phone line, **Daily Hope**, which offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. The number is 0800 804 8044 and the service has been created particularly for those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions.

When you phone the Daily Hope number you will hear a welcome message from Archbishop Justin and then you can choose from a menu to listen to - *Hymns we Love*, a selection of well-known hymns, advice and prayers specifically about the Coronavirus, a weekly church service and more traditional morning and evening prayers.



Rev. Bev Robertson's sabbatical leave: The Team Vicar, Bev, who looks after the churches in Catshill and Dodford, will be on sabbatical leave during May, June and July. We wish her a fruitful and safe time although Covid-19 may limit her plans.

ON-LINE QUIZ COMING UP SOON

We will be hosting an online quiz on Saturday 23rd May at 7.30pm to mark VE Day – all the questions covering the past 75 years! The quiz is being devised by Heather Evans (our Parish Administrator) and David Ford will be MC. Good luck!

Here are the sign in details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2474115267>

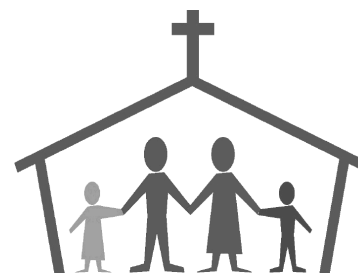
Meeting ID: 247 411 5267



Christ walking on water: A window in All Saints' Church designed by John Hardman in 1904 and commemorating John Broad Wilson who died in 1898.

Shakespeare's Sonnet 30: Rosemary feels it fits our current situation.

When to the sessions of sweet silent thought
 I summon up remembrance of things past,
 I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought,
 And with old woes new wail my dear time's waste:
 Then can I drown an eye, unus'd to flow,
 For precious friends hid in death's dateless night,
 And weep afresh love's long since cancell'd woe,
 And moan th' expense of many a vanish'd sight;
 Then can I grieve at grievances foregone,
 And heavily from woe to woe tell o'er
 The sad account of fore-bemoaned moan,
 Which I new pay as if not paid before.
 But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
 All losses are restor'd, and sorrows end.



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 15 Fininstall Rd, Bromsgrove, B60 2EA.
 His telephone is 01527 873831; mobile: 07973 412625;
 email: 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 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
 by Wednesday lunch-time.**

Thank you.