

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL
SUNDAY 6th September 2020
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Alternative Collect for today

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.30 am Service – 6th September Our service at 10.30 am this morning will come from St Godwald's Church. It will be **Holy Communion** led by David.

Instructions for Joining Zoom by Computer:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353968719>

Meeting ID: 873 5396 8719 No Password required

Joining Zoom by Telephone:

Dial 0203 051 2874; 0203 481 5240
0203 481 5237; 0131 460 1196

You can listen in to the service by telephone using one of the numbers above.

Meeting ID: 873 5396 8719 No Password required

When next attending a zoom service you may notice that the 'chat' facility is disabled. This is to discourage 'chatting' during the service which can be distracting to others. A reminder too that switching from 'gallery' to 'speaker' view will also help you focus on those leading the worship rather than the congregation. After all, we don't sit in church facing one another! Thanks for your co-operation as we continue to learn together how to worship in new ways.

ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING

There will be no 4.00pm Taize Service on Zoom today as it is the Annual District Church Meeting of St Godwald's Church. The meeting will take place at 3.30pm in church. Everyone is very welcome to attend but only members of the electoral roll are entitled to vote. Face coverings will be required please.

CONTACT DETAILS for Revd David Ford - Team Rector

Address: The Vicarage, 15 Finstall Road, Bromsgrove B60 2EA Email: revdavidford@googlemail.com
Phone: 01527 873831 Mobile: 07973 412625

NB: David's days off are from 5.00 pm Wednesday until Thursday evening.

OTHER CONTACT DETAILS:

Heather Evans, our parish administrator – her hours now are 9.30am-1.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In order to provide Heather with a COVID19 safe environment, the parish office, Ruth Heald Room, toilets and kitchens at St Godwald's are now to be considered 'out of bounds' please.

Heather welcomes visitors but please arrange this in advance and all visitors must wear a face mask. Heather's email is pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com and the office telephone number is 577759.

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 13th September

10.30am Holy Communion from All Saints also broadcast on zoom
4.00pm Celtic service on zoom

Sunday 20th September (David away)

8am Holy Communion at All Saints
9am Morning Prayer at St Godwald's
4.00pm Iona service on zoom – **led by Jan Hewer**

Sunday 27th September

10.30am Morning Worship from All Saints also broadcast on zoom
4.00pm Compline on zoom

St Godwald's Church is open between 2 pm – 4 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays for 15 minutes private prayer & reflection in the Lady Chapel.



We urgently need more volunteer stewards if we are to continue opening the church for these afternoon private prayers. Please contact Pat 0121 445 4073 or Caroline 01527832414 if you can offer any help. Thank you

David's weekly PASTORAL LETTERS

These letters will cease regularly for the present, but David will still write to everyone when there is something very specific to announce or discuss.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

From September we will try to have a Sunday morning service in one of our churches every week and it is intended that this will always be broadcast using zoom. Each zoom service uses between 0.3GB and 0.7GB of data. At the moment we're using David's phone and data all the time but he doesn't have enough spare data for all the services each month and he won't always be present either of course. If you have a smartphone, could your phone and data be used for a service once in a while? Yes, this means another rota! 😊 Please let David know.

Also:

Are you a member of St Godwald's Church who will regularly be viewing services on zoom rather than attending in person in church? We need a volunteer please who is willing to learn how to share the screen on zoom and then scroll through the service as it progresses. It is straightforward once you've grasped the basics which are very easy. Please have a word with David if you can help in this way. Thank you!

Bible Study Coffee Morning meets on zoom –
Thursdays 11am to 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome, please join us at our next meeting on the **10th**

September

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3942467199?pwd=RGNhYVYvRS9sYXVvQlFFSjA3QVM2dz09>

Or Telephone: 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196.

Meeting ID: 844 3561 1400 Password: ix723S



Parish Friends WhatsApp group –

How to join:

(a) download WhatsApp onto internet enabled device

(b) send a text or WhatsApp

message to Clare Page 0794 026 9625. The Parish friends group is for our parish to keep in touch, fellowship, exchange pictures, chat, news and jokes.



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 Godwalds PCC

Sort Code: 60 04 05 Account No: 03326136

If asked, this is a business account. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING: Online giving is now up and running on the parish web site. The St Godwald's giving page may be found here:

<https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/341174/Giving.aspx>

You can also use the **QR code** below to take you to the giving page for St Godwald's on the website:



Margaret Eurell-Dixon is making Jam for church funds. 100% of money raised goes to St Godwald's. If you are interested please contact Margaret on 01527 878720. There are some jars in church or Margaret can deliver if local.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



CHURCH of ENGLAND:

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

St Basil's

Some of the money raised from the sale of Judith's book of poems, *At Peace*, has enabled St Basil's to purchase some indoor sports equipment.

NewStarts Foodbank Collection: Please note!

Donations of food for NewStarts and for St Basil's may be taken to church when it is open for private prayer (Tuesday and Friday afternoons, 2-4pm) and on those Sunday mornings when there is a service in church. Sadly there is no longer a daily drop-off option in order to make it possible for the hall to open.

Financial donations may be made direct to NewStarts using the following bank details:

Name: NewStarts

Sort Code: 20-98-61 Account Number: 73915964

If donating electronically, please email Marion Kenyon to let her know so your donation can be traced: chief.executive@newstarts.org.uk

A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM RON AND JANET

Dear Friends,

As Janet and Ron reflect on nearly 20 years of sharing fellowship and friendship at St. Godwald's Church and now on the eve of relocating to the Stoke Bishop area west of Bristol, we take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who have made our time here an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

We naturally regret that the restrictions brought about by Covid 19 and our being in a shielding category have prevented face to face farewells.

Initially we are returning to our daughter Judith and Simon's home at Lower Almondsbury whilst some internal refurbishment of the apartment we have acquired is completed. When settled in we will send contact details via a note in the St.Godwald's Newsletter.

We both readily acknowledge we have been very blessed with the love and fellowship we have enjoyed at St.Godwald's and now thank God for the efforts of Rev. David Ford together with those still 'holding the fort' to maintain a welcoming spirit and Christian witness at St.Godwald's.

A 'Verse of the Day' quote, as part of an O.T. Scripture reading from 2 Chronicles 20:15: "Do not be afraid or discouraged ...for the battle is not yours but God's", gave us encouragement that allowing God to do things His way - (perhaps sometimes with our willing involvement !?), - the oversize challenges that face us will actually bring us through to victory,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Our love and best wishes,
Janet and Ron.