

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13th 2020

Advent 3

Alternative Collect for today:

God for whom we watch and wait
you sent John the Baptist to prepare
the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice
and to suffer for the cause of right
with Jesus Christ our Lord

TODAY'S SERVICES

at St Godwald's Church

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

led by Revd David Ford

10.30am Morning Worship led by Lay Team

at All Saints Church (and on zoom)

10.30am Holy Communion

led by Revd David Ford

Instructions for connecting online using Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2474115267>

Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

Use one of these numbers to connect to any service using your telephone only:

+44 203 481 5240

0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

Please note

There are posters in both churches with **QR codes** to enable you to record your attendance automatically for **track and trace**.

It uses the new **NHS app**

During ADVENT the BIBLE STUDY COFFEE MORNING will follow a four week Advent Course:

The York Course *Living in Hope* written by Catherine Fox.

The meetings will be on zoom

– **Thursdays 11am to 12 noon.**

Everyone is welcome so please

join us for the **ADVENT COURSE** on the 26th November, 3rd, 10th and **17th December**

The **JOINING INSTRUCTIONS** are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86988102960?pwd=WjgwSU1VMGJleWNjakN2c3c2ZmF3UT09>

Meeting ID: 869 8810 2960

Passcode: ix723S



CHRISTMAS SOIRÉE - TODAY

Come and join in some Christmas fun and laughter at All Saints Church on Sunday 13th December at 3pm.

This service is for everyone from both All Saints and St Godwald's and on this Gaudete Sunday will be a lighthearted lead up to Christmas, in a socially distanced way of course.

If you are looking for an opportunity to wear your Christmas jumpers and festive headgear look no further, wear them here!

Bring your family and friends (*while those in your household can sit with you, friends will have to socially distance*).

Pam Rosewarne

See Soirée Programme.

ADVENT SPIRAL

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

6.00 PM IN ALL SAINTS HALL

with Revd David Ford

Help is needed please to set up the **Advent Spiral** (and clear up afterwards!). If available please come to All Saints Vicarage, Burcot Lane (Bev's home) from 3pm on Wednesday 16th December to cut greenery from Bev's garden before taking it over to the hall where we can set up the spiral from 4pm.

Please remember to bring your secateurs!

Thank you,

David.

84 Christmas Cards have been delivered around Aston Fields. We have managed to deliver along Fininstall Road and Rigby Lane and also the cul- de -sac where Caroline lives. If anyone has spare (Religious) cards would you be able to contact me. We are more than happy to write and deliver.

Many thanks.

Judith, David & Emma

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Encephalitis Society as their thank you to Mary Jordan for making face coverings earlier in the summer. Mary made almost 100 face coverings and almost £180 for the Encephalitis Society. Well done Mary and sincere thanks to all donors.

Diocesan e-newsletter:

The Diocese issues a fortnightly newsletter by email containing lots of news and ideas for churchgoers.

To receive it go to the home page of the Diocese <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/> scroll to the foot of the home page and insert your email address in the box provided (beneath Sign Up).

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Children's Society Boxes are due to be handed to Catherine Maund for emptying. The boxes can now be left in church or you can contact Catherine by phone to arrange for your box to be delivered to her or collected by her.

Many thanks.

Catherine's telephone no. is 01527 836909

CONTACT DETAILS:

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

Heather Evans - our Parish Administrator

Heather's hours 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.

Zoom services after Christmas: Until now the broadcasting of services on zoom has depended entirely on David and Liz but with the purchase of two sets of 'kit', one for each church, this need no longer be the case. From January to Easter we will have a settled pattern of worship with services in each church most weeks, sometimes at the same time. Each church can now broadcast its own services whenever it wishes, subject to: (1) the purchase of a second zoom account – as you can only broadcast one 'event' at a time, and (2) the availability of people willing to set up in church, and from home, admit people to the service and share the service sheet on the screen. Sue and Steve already take care of the technology in church at All Saints whenever they can and Tessa takes care of sharing the order of service for All Saints. We need more volunteers at both churches and especially at St Godwald's please to learn how to do those tasks and we need volunteers at both churches to take over Liz's role in managing the service online :- (admitting/re-admitting people/ muting/introductions/closing etc). We also need more smartphones; David will continue to make his available for those services he is involved with. I am keen that we continue to offer the zoom facility throughout 2021 to ensure that our worship is available to as many as possible and especially those who cannot come to church. So please think and pray about whether you can become involved in 'zooming' whether you come to church or worship from home. Thank you! **David.**

Revd David Ford
Team Rector of the Bromsgrove Team Ministry and
Rector of the Benefice of Dodford



Christmas Eve Drop-in Nativity 3-5pm

St Godwald's Church and Church Hall will be transformed on Christmas Eve into the nativity story.

6 'scenes' will tell the story: Mary's House; The Journey to Bethlehem: The Inn; The Manger; Shepherds and Angels and finally, The Gift (Jesus).

Families will be invited to journey through the story moving from scene to scene. This is going to be a really ambitious and exciting COVID-friendly Christmas experience that people will remember for years.

To make it happen we need your help – especially in advance. Opposite there is a list of props we need organised by Scene. If you can offer any of these props please email one of us! Everything will be returned but, for obvious reasons, please name the items and do not lend your most precious belongings or something you need on Christmas Day! Secondly, we need help setting everything up on Wednesday 23rd December from 10am onwards in church and hall. Just bring yourself willing to help to create one of the scenes with others. Let one of us know you are coming so that we have enough help.

Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to help on the day, set up, supply and prepare props. We are still looking for more helpers.

Finally, a few people are needed to help on Christmas Eve itself. If you're free, please let us know.

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Christmas Eve Drop-in Nativity - props list

Mary's home

- *Gazebo
- *Table and chairs
- *Cooking bowls
- *Bread and fruit

The journey

- *Gazebo
- *2 white flat sheets (for shadow art)
- *Large maps Nazareth to Bethlehem and UK map for equivalent distance

The Inn

- *wooden slats to create a sign

The Stable

- *4 wooden pallets
- *Manger/draining board
- *straw to cover floor
- *Fairy lights

Shepherds/Angels

- *Gazebo
- *fake grass
- *stand up lamps that light upwards for angel or fairy lights

The Gift

- *big plasterboard
- *fairy lights
- *coloured paper strips
- *large cardboard for art project
- *sanitizing wipes