

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL
SUNDAY DECEMBER 20th 2020
Advent 4

Alternative Collect for today:

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY'S SERVICES

at St Godwald's Church

10.30am Holy Communion led by
Revd David Ford (also on zoom)

at All Saints Church

8.00 am Holy Communion

6.00 pm 9 Lessons and Carols

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**

BIBLE STUDY COFFEE MORNING

There will be no meetings on Thursdays 24th and/or 31st December. Bible Study will resume on Thursday 7th January. New members will be very welcome.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the worship consultation at St Godwald's. So far I've only received 10 responses, which means there must be another 40 or more to come! Please do participate so that the DCC take as well informed decision as possible. Thank you! David.

**Are you thinking of coming to
Church at Christmas?**

You won't be alone! I am expecting more visitors to come to church this Christmas, in part because there is so little else people can do together that is 'Christmassy'. This means that due to limited capacity at both churches due to the virus, it is possible that our churches will be full on Christmas Eve (All Saints, 11.30pm) and on Christmas Morning (St Godwald's, 9.30am). Unlike some local churches we are not issuing tickets or booking places. So there is no guarantee of a 'pew' this year; the only advice is to come early! If you do find you can't get in, remember that first Christmas family that had a similar experience! Thanks for your understanding, David.

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

DECEMBER & NEW YEAR SERVICES

Sunday 20th December Advent4

8 am All Saints – Holy Communion

10.30 am St Godwald's – Holy Communion
(also on Zoom)

6.00 pm All Saints – 9 Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th December)

3 – 5 pm St Godwald's Drop-in Nativity

11.30 pm All Saints – Midnight (also on Zoom)

Christmas Day (Friday 25th December)

9.30 am St Godwald's – Holy Communion (also on Zoom)

Sunday 27th December Christmas 1

9.00 am St Godwald's – Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd January Christmas 2

8 am All Saints – Holy Communion

10.30 am St Godwald's – Holy Communion
(also on Zoom)

4.00 pm Zoom – Taize Service

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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

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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

Bromsgrove and Redditch Councils have provided funding in recognition of the additional burden the COVID-19 outbreak is having on vulnerable households who are struggling to pay their fuel bills due to loss of income or increased fuel use. *Please see the attached flyer for more information.*

Gift Aid forms: Very few gift aid forms have been returned since they were distributed two weeks ago. If you are a taxpayer and attend St Godwald's, please complete a new gift aid form and return it to the parish office or to David by post or by hand. You may have completed one in the past, but we still need you to complete a new one now please. Our records are incomplete and without new forms we will not be able to claim back the tax on your giving. Thank you! David.

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).

Judith Rowe has produced another Poetry Book – Please let her know if you wish to purchase one. The cost is £5.00 and all money goes to St Basil's.



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

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Mary's home

- *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 Stable

- *Manger/draining board
- *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