All Saints Church, Bromsgrove 29th November 2020 Advent Sunday

Sunday 29th November

10.30 am Advent Sunday Service on Zoom: You will need the Advent Sunday Service sheets for 29th November.

You may take part on Zoom using https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2474115267 Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

If you don't have a computer or a tablet you can use a phone

to join the Zoom services. 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. Use the ID code: 247 411 5267

4.00 pm There is no service this week.

Bromsgrove Prayer Diary and Requests for Prayers:

From December, the Bromsgrove Prayer Diary, produced by Geoff Westwood of Christ Church, Catshill, will include a list of names of people for whom prayer has been requested. If you would like someone included (and have their permission to do so) please send details to Geoff Westwood



(geoff.westwood@hotmail.co.uk) by the 21st of each month. Each name will then be included for the following month only. Thank you.

Keeping in touch with each other: Please keep phoning other church people and your friends during lockdown. A telephone conversation can *c* help each of us through the lockdown.



December and New Year Services

at All Saints and St Godwald's and on Zoom

Sunday 6th December		Advent 2
8am	All Saints	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Godwald's	Holy Communion (also on zoom)
4pm	Zoom	Taizé
Sunday 13 th December		Advent 3
9am	St Godwald's	Holy Communion BCP
10.30am	All Saints	Holy Communion (also on zoom)
10.30am	St Godwald's	Morning Worship
3pm	All Saints	Christmas Soirée (see page 3)
Wednesday 16 th December		
6pm	All Saints Hall	Advent Spiral (Details later)
Sunday 20 th December Advent 4		
8am	All Saints	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Godwald's	Holy Communion (also on zoom)
6pm	All Saints	9 Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th December)		
3-5pm	St Godwald's	Drop in Nativity
11.30pm	All Saints	Midnight (also on zoom)
Christmas Day (Friday 25th December)		
9.30am	St Godwald's	Holy Communion (also on zoom)
Sunday 27 th December Christmas 1		
10.30am	St Godwald's	Morning Worship
Sunday 3rd January Christmas 2		
8am	All Saints	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Godwald's	Holy Communion (also on zoom)
4pm	Zoom	Taizé Page 2

A prayer at the beginning of Advent

God of all the world, may we feel today the good news of your love, and know its truth within us. May we rejoice in that love day by day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>**Praver Requests</u>** – We are keeping the prayer list up to date. Please let Rev. David Ford and Geoff Westwood ((geoff.westwood@hotmail.co.uk) know of any names to be added. To find the list see: <u>https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer_requests.aspx</u> This list can be used during intercessions.</u>

Volunteers for reading and prayers during services

Please tell David if you could read or lead prayers for any services.

Christmas Soirée for All Saints' and St Godwald's

To be held at All Saints' Church, 3.00 pm Sunday 13th December. Some of All Saints' members may remember the Christmas Songs of Praise service we held last year which was so well received. This year we are trying a similar thing but in the afternoon and shared between both All Saints' and St Godwald's churches.

We will focus again on much loved Christmas themed readings and music, secular or religious. I would be pleased if you could let me, Pam Rosewarne, know your favourites and we will share some of them on 13th December. Please send ideas by the end of November to <u>crawleypamela@hotmail.com</u>, or phone or message Pam on 07809131978. Julian will help us with the Covid-restricted music. We may have to do it a bit differently this year! But those who want to can still read their own pieces during the service. It will be fun! Thanks for your help! Pam Rosewarne.



Helping others at Christmas: Supporting the lonely & vulnerable

A partnership of church, community and statutory groups has joined



together in Bromsgrove to ensure the most vulnerable are remembered this Christmas. The core of this initiative will be the delivery of Hampers (<u>with</u> <u>children's gifts</u> where appropriate) to vulnerable households on the 12/13 December and the delivery of a

hot Christmas meal on Saturday 19th December. There are also plans to deliver small gifts to the most isolated on Christmas Day itself. For all of this to be possible, we need volunteers to make up the Hampers, cook the food, wrap presents and act as delivery drivers.

- If you would like to be involved, please let David Ford know so he can collate names and pass them to the central organisers.
- We also need to know the names and addresses of the most vulnerable and isolated. Who do you know who will be in financial need or on their own over Christmas? Please, make a list and send the details to David.
- If you want to make a donation, see "Crowdfunding" below.

Crowdfunding for Christmas Cheer for Families in Difficulties

To support Bromsgrove families at this difficult time a GoFundMe web-page has been set up through the Hub (based at the Baptist Church). The money raised will be used to support families locally to buy Christmas presents for the children this year.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/community-christmas-bromsgrove

If you could share this with your contacts who may be willing to donate it would be great.

Alternatively, for those not online, cheques can be made out to Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub, and be sent C/O Sarah McIntosh, 14 Salwarpe Road, Charford, Bromsgrove, B60 3JA

or you may use the BACS system to the Bromsgrove Youth and

Community Hub Account, Account No. 67433068,

Sort Code 30-98-97 adding the reference "Bromsgrove Community Christmas."

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<u>A Zoom Advent Course</u> starts on Thursday 26th November for four weeks. The Zoom meeting will be from 11.00 am to about 12 noon. All are welcome! The group will be using the York Course Advent material *Living in Hope* written by Catherine Fox. *The zoom joining instructions are:*

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86988102960? wd=WjgwSU1VMGJleWNjakN2c3c2ZmF3UT09 Meeting ID 869 8810 2960 Password ix723S

<u>Returning Children's Society Boxes</u>: It is the time of year for Boxes to be emptied. Boxes may be left in Church *this week on Monday 30th November* between 11.00 and 12 noon or can be collected by Helen Waller by appointment. Please phone Helen on 01527 875521.

<u>Stewardship donations to the Church</u>: The church needs our regular donations very much during Covid-19.

<u>If you are unable to pay through the Bank</u>: Any donations that you have been saving, may be collected from your home. Please get in touch with Rev. David Ford (01527 873831) or churchwarden Sue Bryant (01527 835728).

<u>Those who use the Bank for giving</u>, please continue to do so. The Church Barclays Bank account details are:

Name of account: DCC of All Saints Bromsgrove

<u>Sort code</u>: 20 98 61 <u>Account Number</u>: 40429198

When asked for a reference, quote your own name.

Alternatively you can go to the Bromsgrove Parish web-site and follow the links for All Saints, then Giving, or you can use

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https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/341559/Giving.aspx

Follow instructions using your Bank Card securely.

Or this QR code for All Saints can be scanned with a mobile phone. It will take you straight to the giving page for All Saints' on the web site.





Following One World Week we were able to send £60-50 to USPG. They sent this thank you:

"I am writing to say a heartfelt thanks for your gift of £60-50 towards our global work." The letter then describes some of USPG's work: "In Brazil, 22% of Rio de Janeiro's residents live in favelas or substandard housing communities such as the City of God. Despite an increase in police presence in the favelas they face many challenges including social inequalities, violence, and poor urban services. Your gift has directly contributed towards supporting The Igreja Episcopal Anglican do Brasil (IEAB)'s vital social work in the Ciudad de Deus (City of God). USPG was able to help the Missionary District of the West in building St Peter and St Paul's Chapel and sending Rev. Maytee to grow the church and lead the congregation. Your donation was able to help individuals like Gigi, a volunteer at the Christ the King Community Centre, who said, 'The Bandeirantes helped to lift me out of my depression, as before I did nothing but watch television. I feel good working alongside other coordinators, and still more on seeing the children progressing."

All Saints' Donations to The Basement Food Bank. The number of



unemployed is rising: many people are finding their income reduced. Food banks like the Basement Project are preparing more and more food parcels. Since March we have collected a total of **£1432** (over £40 weekly) from All Saints and friends, through Mike. In addition other money has been sent directly. Keep up the

donations which are greatly appreciated! *How to donate*: Just phone Mike Carrick on 01527 873135 or email him on

<u>mikecarrick34@gmail.com</u>, saying how much you want to donate. He can send a donation from his own money for that amount and will reclaim the amount from you when convenient. Or, send a cheque now to M.E.Carrick, 45 Brook Court, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1AD.

<u>Calling all Families</u>! The Diocese of Worcester has launched a new series of weekly bible-based resources for children and families. Each week, centred around a particular bible passage, there are prayers, activities and games for you to explore with your children. Follow this link:



https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources/

Religious broadcasts each week

- **BBC Hereford & Worcester:** You can listen to Radio H &W on FM: 94.7, 104, 104.4, or 104.6, and MW: 73.8, 584.
- Wednesday Radio 3: The regular broadcast of Choral Evensong is at 15:30 with a <u>repeat on Sunday</u> at 3.00 pm.
- Sunday Radio 4: The regular Sunday Worship service at 8.10 am.
- Sunday TV BBC1: Sunday Morning Live: an exploration of ethical and religious issues. 10.30-11.30 am
- Sunday TV BBC1: Songs of Praise which is usually at 1.15 pm.

The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:

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

You can find information by exploring the web-site.

The Diocese of Worcester web-site is:

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

You can find plenty of information here, too.

Clare's Bromsgrove Parish Friends WhatsApp group

To join the Bromsgrove Parish Friends WhatsApp Group on your mobile phone:



(a) download WhatsApp onto a phone or tablet.

(b) send a text or WhatsApp message to Clare Page 0794 026 625. This Parish Friends Group is for us to keep in touch, for fellowship, and exchange of pictures, chat, news and jokes.



Don't forget: Keep in touch with all your friends, including those who are not church members.



Rector Rev. David Ford's address :

The Vicarage, 15 Finstall Rd, Bromsgrove, B60 2EA. His telephone is 01527 873831; mobile: 07973 412625; email: revdavidford@googlemail.com David's day off is Thursday.

Our Church Wardens are:

Sue Bryant 01527 835728 and Sue Ward 0121 453 3180 For enquiries about baptisms, banns of marriage and weddings at <u>All Saints'</u>, please speak to the Church Wardens (see above).

If you have any difficulty, or for any other enquiries, contact the Bromsgrove Parish Administrator, Heather Evans, 01527 577759, or <u>pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com</u> Heather's hours are Wednesday. 9.30 am -1.30 pm.

To book All Saints' Church Hall for an event when it becomes possible again: Please phone Tony Turpin on 01527 876659.

<u>All Saints' Organist Julian Manchee's contacts</u> are 01299 827866 and 07585 273957;

email: julian.manchee@gmail.com

Information for the Newsletter:

Please let me, Tessa Carrick, have any news or items for the next Newsletter by lunchtime on Tuesday. Telephone 01527 873135 or email <u>tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk</u>. Thank you.

