

**All Saints Church, Bromsgrove**  
**6th December 2020**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 6th December**

**8.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints** led by  
Rev. Sue Humphries.

**10.30 am Holy Communion at St. Godwald's** will be led by  
Rev. David Ford. This service will be relayed **on Zoom**.

To follow the service on Zoom you will need the Service for  
Holy Communion in Advent and the "Red" Reading Sheet for  
6th December. If you are joining on Zoom, you may like to  
have wine and bread available for the Communion.

*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 a Taizé service on Zoom this week**, led by  
Reader Janet Hewer. The joining arrangements are as above.

**Requests for Prayers:**

If you would like someone included on the Parish  
Prayer list (and have their permission to do so) please  
send details to Geoff Westwood

[geoff.westwood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geoff.westwood@hotmail.co.uk) by the 21<sup>st</sup> of each  
month and also to Rev. David Ford. Each name will  
then be included for the following month only. We

are keeping the prayer list up to date. To find the list see:

[https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer\\_request\\_s.aspx](https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer_request_s.aspx) This list can be used during intercessions.

Thank you.



**December and New Year Services**  
**at All Saints and St Godwald's and on Zoom**

*(Don't forget to take your mask!)*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> December**

6pm	All Saints Hall	Advent Spiral (Details later)
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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (see page)
11.30pm	All Saints	Midnight (also on zoom)

**Christmas Day (Friday 25th December)**

9.30am	St Godwald's	Holy Communion (also on zoom)
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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1**

10.30am	St Godwald's	Morning Worship
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**Sunday 3rd January Christmas 2**

8am	All Saints	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Godwald's	Holy Communion (also on zoom)
4pm	Zoom	Taizé

### A prayer dueing Advent

*God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives  
always, and particularly this Advent time. Amen.*



### 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

Come and join in some Christmas fun and laughter at the Christmas soirée at All Saints church on 13th December 3pm. This service is for everyone from both All Saints' and St Godwald's and on this Gaudate Sunday will be a lighthearted lead up to Christmas, in a socially distanced way with masks, 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.



### 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 (**with children's gifts** where appropriate) to vulnerable households on the 12/13 December and the delivery of a hot Christmas meal on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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."

**A Zoom Advent Course** takes place on Thursdays on 3rd, 10th and 17th December. 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 ix7235



**Stewardship donations to the Church:** The church needs our regular donations very much during Covid-19.  
If you are unable to pay through the Bank: 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).

Those who use the Bank for giving, please continue to do so. The Church Barclays Bank account details are:  
Name of account: DCC of All Saints Bromsgrove  
Sort code: 20 98 61 Account Number: 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  
<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.



*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.  
 (Luke 2:20)*

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**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** (about £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 [mikecarrick34@gmail.com](mailto:mikecarrick34@gmail.com), 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.

### **Licensing of Rev. Paula Honniball**

This Sunday afternoon Rev. David Ford has been invited to the Licensing Service for Rev. Paula Honniball as Associate Priest at St Michael and All Angels Church at Stoke Prior. Paula will be joining the Parish of Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren which will be joining the Parish of Bromsgrove fairly soon. The service will be conducted by the Rt Rev. Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley at 4.00 pm. Please remember Paula in your prayers.

**Rev. Ray Khan's Advent Sunday Service** is still available and is recommended. It can be found on the web by going to:

<https://youtu.be/7JBtk25j4b0>

The service begins with quiet music and a superb photograph of St John's against local countryside.

### **All Saints opening for Private Prayer during December:**

**All Saints' Church** will open for Private Prayer from 11.00 am to 12 noon on Mondays, on 7th, 14th and 21st December. Masks must be worn and safe-distancing will be necessary.



### **Worcester Cathedral opening during December:**

*The Cathedral* will be open:

Monday to Saturday 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Sunday 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

*The Cloister Café* will open for Takeaway until 4th December and thereafter will be fully open Monday to Saturday 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

*The Cathedral Shop* will open from Saturday 5th December.



### **Returning Children's Society Boxes—it is getting urgent!**

It is the time for Children's Society Boxes to be emptied before the end of the year. Please be generous—the need is very great this year and there is no Christingle service to raise additional funds.

Boxes may be left in Church on Monday 7th or 14th December between 11.00 and 12 noon or can be collected by Helen Waller by appointment. Please phone Helen on 01527 875521.

**Calling all Families!** 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/>



### **Keeping in touch with each other:**

Please keep phoning other church people and your friends during lockdown. A telephone conversation can help each of us through this difficult time.



Can you remember where the window shown on the right is in All Saints' Church?



## **Drop-in Nativity, Christmas Eve, 3-5pm at St Godwald's:**

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 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 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 10am 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. Finally, a few people are needed to help on Christmas Eve itself.

If you're free, please let us know. Thank you!

Kerstin MacDonald [kerstin.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kerstin.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk) ;

Sally Brawshaw [thebrashaws@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thebrashaws@yahoo.co.uk)

David Ford [revdavidford@googlemail.com](mailto:revdavidford@googlemail.com) .



## **ITEMS NEEDED**

### **Marys home**

- \*Speakers with Bluetooth connection
- \*Gazebo
- \*Table and chairs
- \*Cooking bowls
- \*Bread and fruit
- \*fabric for dressing the scene

### **The journey**

- \*Gazebo
- \*2 white flat sheets (for shadow art)
- \*Card board for camel/ palm trees/ desert floor (children sized)
- \* Large maps Nazareth to Bethlehem and UK map for equivalent distance

### **The Inn**

- \*Cardboard (the bigger the better)
- \* Wooden bench/ stool or seat
- \*Wooden slats to create a sign

### **The Stable**

- \*4 wooden pallets
- \*Manger/draining board
- \*Fabric for dressing the scene
- \* Straw to cover floor
- \*Fairy lights
- \*Large star

### **Shepherds/Angels**

- \*Gazebo
- \*Blue backing paper (large rolls such as wrapping paper)
- \*Cardboard for sheep
- \*Star cut outs silver/yellow
- \*Fake grass?
- \*Stand up lamps that light upwards for angels or fairy lights

### **The gift**

- \*Big plasterboard sheet (x2) or wooden plywood
- \*Fairy lights
- \*Coloured paper strips
- \*Large cardboard for art project
- \*Sanitizing wipes



## 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 repeat on Sunday at 3.00 pm.
- **Sunday Radio 4:** The regular Sunday Worship service at 8.10 am.
- **Sunday Radio 4: Christmas Appeal: Making a Difference for the work of St Martin's in the Fields help for homeless people at Christmas.** 9.45 am.
- **Sunday TV BBC1: Sunday Worship for Advent.** At 11.30 am.
- **Sunday TV BBC1: Songs of Praise** at 1.15 pm: the final of Chorister of the Year.

## 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 Fininstall Rd,  
Bromsgrove, B60 2EA.

His telephone is 01527 873831;  
mobile: 07973 412625;

email: [revdavidford@googlemail.com](mailto: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 All Saints', 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 [pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com](mailto:pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com)

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.

## All Saints' Organist Julian Manchee's contacts

are 01299 827866 and 07585 273957;

email: [julian.manchee@gmail.com](mailto: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 [tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk](mailto:tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk).  
Thank you .

