



**ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL**  
**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Christmas 1**

**Alternative Collect for today:**

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

9.00 am St Godwald's – Morning Worship with Janet Hewer  
10.30 Service on Zoom with Revd Bev Robertson\*

**Instructions for connecting online using Zoom\***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83768085756?pwd=Z1VCRTJWWE8waDVwcDM5eVBubWNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6808 5756  
Passcode: 271079

**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 31st December. Bible Study will resume on Thursday 7th January. New members will be very welcome.



**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

**NEW YEAR SERVICES**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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.*

**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](mailto:pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com) and the office telephone number is 577759.

**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.

**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

**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.

*The email below was sent to all clergy on 18 December 2020:*

Dear colleagues,  
I am writing to let you know that Bishop John had an accident while out cycling yesterday and has broken his leg. He is currently in hospital awaiting an operation and will obviously be out of action for a while. The Bishop's Office will be responding to emails as normal and are working with me and others to ensure that anything in the diary is covered.  
Please hold Bishop John, his wife H-J and their family in your prayers.  
Warmest wishes, thoughts and prayers for you all this Christmas,  
*+Martin*

**The Rt Revd Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley**

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A huge thank you to everyone who has helped sustain the ministry, mission and worship of our churches this year. It's not been easy...there have been moments of great sadness, but also uplifting signs of God's love at work amongst us. We head towards Christmas and the New Year emboldened by the assurance of God's presence with us and the enduring story of hope that lies at the heart of the Christmas story. 2021 will be a year of expectant hope...look forward to it in the knowledge that God walks ahead of us. All will be well. Much love and prayers as always, David.

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**100 CLUB**

Dear Members,  
Renewal of membership of St Godwald's 100 Club for the year 2021 is now due.  
I hope you will continue to take part.  
You can either pay for 6 months (January to June) @ £6 per number or for the whole year (January to December) @ £12 per number  
Payment can be made by Cash or Cheques made payable to St Godwald's DCC and can be given to me or be put through the Parish Office letterbox addressed to 'Pat Archer 100 Club'  
If you have any queries, please contact me [patarcher1a@btinternet.com](mailto:patarcher1a@btinternet.com) : tel. 0121 445 4073

***If you would prefer not to renew please let me know.***

## A message from Dean Hall

Well, that was quick!

It seems like a matter of minutes since I was introduced to you all but no sooner than it began, my placement in Bromsgrove parish has come to an end and I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity of spirit, Thank you!

This has been a challenging year for all of us and I am not sure how the Queen's Foundation will assess the effectiveness of its students in these difficult times. However, some words from Hebrews came to mind, which I will quote to you from the NIV:

*"Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you."*

### **Hebrews 13:17**

This is pertinent for me and for you. If I noticed one thing above all others in Bromsgrove it is the ministry team's genuine joy in what they do. As a parish your confidence in David's leadership is self-evident and I pray that as 2021 arrives you will continue to flourish and find ways to grow.

For me, the words are a call to faith; a call to my calling if you will. My training is at a strange and unprecedented time and I need to have confidence in my college to train me, nonetheless. But more than that I have faith in the Christ who calls me, knowing that His plans and the timing of them are always perfect. Therefore, my vocation is a joy and not a burden, despite the challenges which accompany it.

God's blessings be with you and all those you love and pray for, now and always.

Dean

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