ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL SUNDAY May 9th 2021

6th Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday

Alternative Collect for today:

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

TODAY'S SERVICES:

10.30 am at All Saints Holy Communion led by Revd David Ford (also Zoom) 4.00 pm Celtic – Janet & Norman Hewer (Zoom)

10.30am Service joining details are: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7128248561

Meeting ID Code: 712 824 8561

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

Dial by your location 0131 460 1196 0203 481 5237 0203 481 5240 0203 901 7895

4.00pm Service joining details are:

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

Meeting ID Code: 247 411 5267

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

Dial by your location 0203 901 7895 0131 460 1196 0203 051 2874 0203 481 5237

NEXT SUNDAY

0203 481 5240

16th May – Easter 7 9.45 am at St Godwald's BCP Holy Communion (also Zoom)

led by Revd David Ford and Rosemary Sumner 4.00 pm Iona Service - led by Revd David Ford (Zoom)

BIBLE STUDY COFFEE MORNING

Bible Study Group meets by zoom every

Thursday 11am to 12 **noon**. Everyone is very welcome including new members.



The JOINING INSTRUCTIONS for Bible Study

are: Meeting ID: 858 5352 4543

Passcode: ix723S

Grocery collection for St Basil's

Donations of grocery items for St Basil's and NewStarts would be gratefully received on the Sundays that St Godwald's Church is open for worship as follows:

9.45 am Service on 2nd and 16th May and 6th and 20th June. Future dates will be notified on the Newsletter nearer the time.

Home Communion

If you are unable to come to church, for whatever reason, home communion is available from the clergy and others. Please let David know of your needs.

Open Church

It is hoped to re-open St Godwald's Church for prayer on a Wednesday morning (9am-12 noon) with a short act of worship at 10am. If you are able to help with stewarding, please have a word with David or Norman Hewer.

Love your Burial Ground Week

5th - 13th June is Love your Burial Ground Week. The charity 'Caring for God's Acre' has produced a lovely guide to visiting your local churchyard and the kinds of plants, trees, insects and animals you might find there. David has nine guides to give away to anyone interested in visiting St Godwald's Churchyard, especially during this special week. The guide is ideal for parents or grandparents with children in first or middle school.

Future Strategy of the Church of England

If you would like to contribute to development of thinking around the future strategy of the Church of England, an online survey has been created by the vision group at Church House.

It doesn't take long to complete and personal details do not need to be left: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CofEvision

Electoral Roll Revision 2021

The Electoral Roll is due for revision before the Bromsgrove Annual Parish Church Meeting on 30th May at 11.30 am, after the Morning Service at St John's Church. The meeting will be in person as well as on Zoom.

Anyone wishing to add their name to the existing roll should complete a form between

2nd May 2021 and 15th May 2021

Today there is a service at St Godwald's, where members of the congregation can collect an Electoral Roll form for completion. Forms are also available from Revd David Ford, who will drop one through your door. Completed forms can be returned to Church, Revd. David or Caroline Spencer – through her letterbox at 9 St Godwald's Crescent.

Please note, if your name is already on the Electoral Roll, you do not need to submit another form - there is a current list in the Church porch or ring Gill if you are not sure or email: gillmoxon@hotmail.co.uk Gill Moxon, Electoral Roll Secretary [01527 875242]

Published Church Reports

David has one copy of each of the following recently published church reports available for anyone to borrow. Please contact him direct.

Living in Love and Faith The substantial (almost 500 pages) report into human sexuality.

Coming Home The first report – at least for very many years – seeking to develop a theology of housing and an appropriate Christian response to the current crisis.

From Lament to Action The church's latest report on anti-racism that hopes to succeed where scores of others have not (pdf print).

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NB: David's day off is 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 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 p.a.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com and the office telephone number is 577759

Our Churchwarden is: Madeleine Buckley

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CLIMATE CHANGE

This is a very relevant issue and it was recently a major topic at Diocesan Synod. The following are links to some very interesting and informative resources:

Watch the short film on the views of young people

here: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/scienceenvironment-56001191

- The Church of England's Net Zero webinars: https://www.churchofengland. org/about/environment-and-climatechange/webinars-getting-net-zero-<u>carbon</u> (Including a number of webinars from our diocesan Heating Adviser under the 'webinars on low carbon solutions heating, lighting, solar and more' section. The one this Tuesday is 'to replace or not to replace'.)
- A practical path to zero net carbon: https://www.churchofengland.or g/sites/default/files/2021-01/thepractical-path-to-net-zero-carbonnumbered-Jan2020.pdf
- Resources for 'sustainable preaching' based around the weekly Sunday lectionary: http://sustainable- preaching.org/
- Climate Sunday resources: https://www.climatesunday.org/