

## ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL

**SUNDAY May 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday after Ascension Day**

### **Alternative Collect for today:**

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**9.45 am at St Godwald's Holy Communion (BCP)** led by Revd David Ford and Rosemary Sumner (**also Zoom**)

**4.00 pm Christian Aid Service** – led by Rosemary Sumner (**Zoom**)

**9.45am 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

0203 481 5240

**4.00pm Service** joining details are:

**Meeting ID Code: 625 582 5148.**

No Passcode is required.

### **CHRISTIAN AID**

**Today**, Rosemary Sumner will be giving the address at the 9.45am service and leading the 4.00pm worship on Zoom. At both, Rosemary will give an insight into the history and work of Christian Aid.

Collecting for Christian Aid is proving to be very difficult during the pandemic.

There will be envelopes available at St Godwald's for donations; these envelopes can be returned to the Church Office by the end of May. It is also possible to donate via the Christian Aid website:

[www.caid.org.uk/caw21](http://www.caid.org.uk/caw21)

or call 0845 700 0300

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – Pentecost**

**10.30 am at All Saints Morning Worship (also Zoom)** led by Revd David Ford

**4.00 pm Iona Service** – led by Judith Rowe (**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**

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### **GIFT AID**

As you may know there has been a substantial effort over the past year to bring our gift aid claims and records up to date. This is ongoing and we still need your help. In order to confirm that our records are now correct, if you are giving to St Godwald's through the envelope scheme (the annual box of envelopes), can you please let David know the number on the front of your box? Thank you!

Also, attached with this newsletter you will find a gift aid form. If you haven't completed one since the beginning of 2020 and you are a taxpayer, would you please complete one? Printed forms can be delivered to you at home for completion by hand if required.

Thank you so much!

David.

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**SUNDAY AFTERNOON 'ZOOM' SERVICES** are currently held at 4pm. I am thinking of moving them to 6pm for the months of June, July, August and September as many of us will be spending more time outside. If you have a view, one way or the other, please let me know over the next couple of weeks. Thank you! David.

## **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.



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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. Future dates will be notified on the Newsletter nearer the time.

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## **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.

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**RICHARD AND KATH SANDLAND** move into their new home on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Richard will be ordained Deacon on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July and become our new curate, staying with us in the parish for up to four years. I know we will all give them both a lovely, warm welcome to St Godwald's and All Saints.

If you wish to send a card or drop in a small gift, Richard and Kath's address (from 4<sup>th</sup> June) is: 2 Verona Rd Bromsgrove B60 2SS; 01527 831282.

Thank you! David.

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## **LOVE YOUR BURIAL GROUND WEEK**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 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>

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## **ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION 2021**

The Electoral Roll is due for revision before the Bromsgrove Annual Parish Church Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 and 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gillmoxon@hotmail.co.uk)

**Gill Moxon, Electoral Roll Secretary**  
[01527 875242]

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## **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).

## **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/science-environment-56001191>

- The Church of England's Net Zero webinars: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/webinars-getting-net-zero-carbon> (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.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/the-practical-path-to-net-zero-carbon-numbered-Jan2020.pdf>
- Resources for 'sustainable preaching' based around the weekly Sunday lectionary: <http://sustainable-preaching.org/>
- Climate Sunday resources: <https://www.climatesunday.org/>

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

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