

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL

SUNDAY 20th JUNE 2021

Third Sunday after Trinity

Alternative Collect for today:

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S SERVICES:

20th June - Trinity 3

9.45 am Holy Communion at St Godwald's
- led by Revd David Ford (also on zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 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 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0208 080 6591

6.00 pm Compline

- led by Revd David Ford (zoom)

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By telephone, use one of the numbers above

NEXT SUNDAY

27th June - Trinity 4

10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints'

-led by Sue Ward and Pam Rosewarne (also on zoom)

6.00 pm Iona Service

- led by Judith Rowe (zoom)

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.

Welcome to our new Curate!

Richard and Kath Sandland will be joining us in July as Richard begins his curacy in Bromsgrove. There is a leaflet available to help us prepare for their arrival and to support them as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

If you would like one, it is available by email or contact Revd David Ford. Contact details are in this newsletter.

BIBLE STUDY COFFEE MORNING

There will be no further Bible Study on Thursdays for the foreseeable future. Please see notice on this newsletter about a new **Study Group on Zoom**



ST GODWALD'S CHURCHYARD

We plan to participate in the Worcestershire Best Kept Churchyard Competition. The first inspection will take place between 27 June and 11 July. **There will be churchyard working parties on Monday 21 June and Thursday 24 June from 7.00pm.**

Please bring any of the following; Grass rakes; hand brushes; secateurs; grass shears; hand or small border forks. Should be fun!!



STUDY GROUP – Explore your Faith

A new Study Group on Zoom: A new weekly group will start on Friday 16th July at 11.00 am. The group will follow a discussion guide to explore what it means to be a Christian. The booklets chosen are *Walk the Jesus Walk*, by John Simmonds, and the second booklet by the same author, *Jesus then and Now*. A number of booklets have been ordered already. If you would like to join the discussion group and wish to order the booklets

please get in touch with Tessa Carrick 01527 873135 or tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk, ID Code will be available nearer the time.

**HYMN BOOKS and
WORSHIP BOOKLETS**

From Sunday 18th July we will return to using hymn books and our usual worship booklets in both St Godwald's and All Saints. This will reduce our printing and paper usage considerably and save a good amount of David and Heather's time too in preparing weekly service sheets.



The number of worshippers online is steadily decreasing as confidence returns and people feel able to come back to church. However, we remain committed to zoom worship continuing indefinitely for those unable to come to church. If you are amongst that number, then we will deliver a hymn book to you at home. If you are not on email, we will deliver a service sheet too!

Although we know who worships online regularly, please do let me know if you definitely wish to have a hymn book and service sheet delivered to you at home.

Thank you! David

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; 6th and 20th June. Future dates will be notified on the Newsletter nearer the time

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH 100 CLUB

Membership fees for those paying half-yearly are now due and I should be grateful if you would let me have payment for the six months July to December 2021.

(Cheques payable to St. Godwald's DCC)

The next 100 Club Draw will take place on Sunday, 20th June 2021 after the 9.45 am Service.

Pat Archer

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>

CONTACT DETAILS:

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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

Government Legislation

The Government is proposing a new piece of legislation that would put a counter-terrorism obligation on all places of worship, and especially on those whose capacities exceed 100 people. The easiest way to meet the obligations under the proposed legislation is to keep our churches closed.

The Archdeacon of London has written a very helpful blog on this that I encourage everyone to read. A consultation on the legislation is underway and there is a link in the following piece if you wish to respond.

Whilst there is some logic to the legislation for places such as the National Gallery, its impact on the smallest of our churches could be extremely onerous and will lead many small rural churches to lock their doors.

<http://frlukemiller.blogspot.com/2021/05/unintended-consequences-of-protect-duty.html>

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/>