

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL

SUNDAY 4th July 2021

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Alternative Collect for today:

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY'S SERVICES:

4th July - Trinity 5

9.45 am Morning Worship Family Service
at St Godwald's

- led by Kerstin MacDonald (also on zoom)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9917432866>

Meeting ID: 991 743 2866

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

Dial by your location

0203 481 5240

0203 901 7895

0208 080 6591

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0131 460 1196

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6.00 pm Taize Service

- led by Revd David Ford (zoom)

Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

By telephone, use one of the numbers above

NEXT SUNDAY

11th July – Trinity 6

10.30 am at All Saints

Team Eucharist – Rev. D Ford (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.



Message from Richard and Kath Sandland

Since moving into our new home at the start of June, we have been so touched by the warm welcome we have received – with lovely gifts of cake, fruit and plants, together with beautiful cards and good wishes from the folk of St. Godwald's and All Saints churches. During such a topsy-turvy time, people's kindness has been a wonderful and much appreciated "constant" and we are so looking forward to meeting everyone and becoming a part of the community. With all good wishes, Richard and Kath Sandland.

The Team Welcome Eucharist Service
will take place at All Saints Church at
10.30 am on Sunday 11th July.

Everyone is warmly invited and we will be welcoming Kath and Richard, District by District, just before the Peace.

BIBLE STUDY COFFEE MORNING

There will be no further Bible Study on Thursdays for the foreseeable future.

Please see notice below about a new Study Group on Zoom.

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.

ST GODWALD'S CHURCHYARD

We are participating in the Worcestershire Best Kept Churchyard Competition. The first inspection will take place between 27 June and 11 July.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped to tidy the churchyard in advance of the inspection. Let us hope that all your efforts bear fruit.

GROCERY COLLECTIONS 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 is open for worship.



**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

RETURNING TO CHURCH

Returning to Church after a succession of lockdowns is proving challenging. We each have to find a way forwards into our 'new normal' in a way that is spiritually sustainable. My plan is that as much as possible of our ordinary church life returns from 1st September. So, please do encourage one another, with sensitivity and love, to return to church, perhaps by trying the Wednesday morning service (St Godwald's, 10 am Ruth Heald Room) that returns at the beginning of July. This is usually attended by only half a dozen and so might prove a friendly, supportive and safe way to return to church.

I will happily visit anyone to chat through their apprehension and several of us are more than happy to bring communion to those at home for whom churchgoing is just too much right now.

Please be gentle with yourselves whilst seeking God's courage and strength to return.

Revd David Ford

Wednesday Morning Services will start back on Wednesday 7th July at 10.00 am in the Ruth Heald Room.

Morning Worship will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and Holy Communion on the 3rd Wednesdays.

We will be socially distanced and are required to stay seated throughout the service and until you leave. Please wear a face mask; Anti Bac gel will be available and you are required to sign the register.

A hot drink will be available afterwards.

It will be good to have this service available again after such a long break.

Our Tuesday Walks will resume on 6th July, meeting at 10.00 am in the Ruth Heald Room and returning at 12 noon for refreshments. We will follow all COVID housekeeping rules.

Judith & David Rowe

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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

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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>