

## ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2021

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

### Alternative Collect for today:

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### TODAY'S SERVICES: 1<sup>st</sup> August - Trinity 9

**8 am All Saints - Holy Communion CW** led by Sue Humphries

**9.45 am St Godwald's - Morning**

**Worship/Family Service** led by Richard Sandland with David Ford preaching (**also on Zoom**)

### Hymns for today:

**590** Seek ye first the kingdom of God

**319** In Christ there is no East or West

**Song:** There's a quiet understanding

There's a quiet understanding  
when we're gathered in the Spirit,  
It's a promise that he gives us,  
When we gather in his name.  
There's a love we feel in Jesus,  
There's a manna that he feeds us,  
It's a promise that he gives us  
When we gather in his name.

And we know when we're together,  
sharing love and understanding,  
That our brothers and our sisters  
feel the oneness that he brings.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
for the way you love and feed us,  
For the many ways you lead us,  
Thank you, thank you, Lord.

**252** Guide me O thy great redeemer

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 481 5240

0203 901 7895

0208 080 6591

0208 080 6592

0330 088 5830

0131 460 1196

0203 481 5237

**6.00 pm Taize led by David Ford (zoom)**

**Meeting ID: 247 411 5267**

**NEXT SUNDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10**

**10.30 am All Saints Holy Communion (CW) led by Ray Khan**

**6.00 pm Celtic Service led by Richard Sandland (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.

**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!

Services will continue to be broadcast via zoom whenever possible but the main Sunday morning service sheet will no longer be shared online. This will make the management of the service online much easier in the longer term, enabling those who have been undertaking this for us the opportunity to return to church and reduce the time taken by David and others to prepare the orders of services. Printed orders of service and hymn books will be delivered to all those who request them. Please telephone or email David who will arrange delivery. Thank you.

**Congratulations to Matt and Sue**

upon the birth of their daughter, Lindiwe Gabrielle Edie on 1 July. Lindiwe means the one we have been waiting for or looking forward to. Matt and Sue have been worshipping at St Godwald’s in person and online for several months and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Lindiwe to church in due course. Matt, Sue and Lindiwe - may God fill your home and lives with love and peace.



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**WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES** have started back at 10.00 am in the Ruth Heald Room. Morning Worship will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and Holy Communion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 again after such a long break.

**A message from Margaret . . .**

To date we have had three services, and all welcomed by those who came along, who found it a time of spiritual joy to be back worshipping and praying together in fellowship once more.

There will be a Communion service once a month. Please see above for the regular pattern of services.

As always there will be a time of gentle music to begin with, followed by a catch up of anyone who needs our prayers, and who will be included in our intercessions later in the service. Please note though, we must be careful as to how much information we give about those whom we mention. It can be okay just to mention someone’s name. God is aware of their needs.

In addition, there is an informal reflection, so very often relating to our own life experiences,

and faith journeys, and based on the Gospel reading for the day.

The Ruth Heald Room has always been felt by many of us to be a deeply spiritual place. It certainly has been a place of prayer now for many years. Praying together can be very spiritually uplifting, comforting. Sometimes we just need to ‘be’ in God’s loving presence, and let his love just flow into our very souls.

Margaret Woodgates

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**“Every Day We Start Again” a BLOG suggested by Richard**

Friends, I came across this blog recently, and I thought it might resonate with many of us. It’s written by Greg Richardson, part of a team who produce a blog, Strategic Monk, which is at

[https://www.patheos.com/blogs/strategicmonk/2021/06/15/monastic-strategies-each-morning-we-begin-again/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=BRS&utm\\_campaign=Contemplative&utm\\_content=708](https://www.patheos.com/blogs/strategicmonk/2021/06/15/monastic-strategies-each-morning-we-begin-again/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=BRS&utm_campaign=Contemplative&utm_content=708)

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**TUESDAY WALKS** will now meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month. The next walk will be on 10<sup>th</sup> August at 10am returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

We will follow all COVID housekeeping rules

**Judith & David Rowe**

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**ST GODWALD’S CHURCH 100 CLUB**

**July Draw 2021**

Winning Number: **14**  
Winner’s Name: **Madeleine Buckley**

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**STUDY GROUP – Explore your Faith**

**A new Study Group on Zoom:** A new weekly group will continue on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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*.

If you would like to join the discussion group please phone Barbara Murphy 01527 875380 to obtain copies of the booklets.  
**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/991743286>  
**Meeting ID 991 743 2866**

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### **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.

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### **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>

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