

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER 2021

Advent 2

Alternative Collect for today:

Almighty God
purify our hearts and minds
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him
who is our Lord and our God

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints'

led by Rev Sue Humphries

9.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Godwald's.

10.30 am Joint Service of Holy Communion CW
with All Saints' at St. Godwald's.

(10.30 am is also on **zoom**)

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

4.00 pm Taize Service (zoom)

led by Rev Richard Sandland

To join:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7438991933?pwd=Nk9oeGhHdWVjMmgzZXRWV1A2M0lwQT09>

Zoom meeting ID: 743 899 1933

Passcode: 1Mgr5L

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

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0203 481 5240 0203 901 7895

0208 080 6591 0208 080 6592

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Monday 6th

9.30 am Totwald's for 0-5 year olds in church

10.00 – 11.15 am Little Stars pre-school play
group in the main hall.

Saturday, 11th December

3.00 pm Ramblers Carol Service

Sunday 12th December

10.30 am Morning Worship at St Godwald's

10.30 am Holy Communion at All Saints

5.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at St Godwald's

Wednesday 15th December

6.00 pm Advent Spiral Service at All Saints for
both churches. (see next column)

ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday, 4th December

2.00 – 4.00 pm in All Saints Church Hall

(Mask wearing will be encouraged and safe
distancing used wherever possible)

RAMBLERS CAROL SERVICE

On **Saturday 11th December** Ramblers will be
having their Annual Carol Service at
St Godwald's Church at 3pm.

This event is open to everyone.

Revd David Ford will be conducting the Service
which will include readings/ poetry/Christmas
stories and carols of course. There will be
refreshments in the Church after the Service.
Would anyone be interested in helping us out
please?

Either message me on 07717 335591 or email
davidrowe876@btinternet.com

Many thanks, Judith Rowe

Advent Spiral – All Saints Church

Wednesday 15th 6.00 pm

If you are able to help prepare the church for
this special occasion, please come along at 3pm
on Wednesday 15th. We will need to move all
the chairs from the centre of the nave and then
create the Advent Spiral in the space generated.
For this we will need a large amount of
greenery! So please collect as much as you can
from your gardens and bring it along on the day.
This is a beautiful hour of quiet meditation
which we hope people of all ages will enjoy.
Thank you!

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Join us in the Ruth Heald Room every
Wednesday for Morning Worship

Communion Services will be on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesday and Morning Worship being on
the alternate Wednesdays.

Doors of the Ruth Heald room will open at
10am for catch up chat and bringing your
worries to God.

On the days of Morning Worship, we will have
music played intermittently between passages
of worship, reflection, poetry and prayers.
Followed by tea/coffee and biscuits.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Last Friday, 26th November,
Community Café held a 'Bring & Buy' stall which raised £175 for St Godwald's Church funds.



The Café will open next on Friday, 10th December and will continue on alternate Fridays at 10.00 am until 12 noon.

Judith Rowe

TUESDAY WALKS meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. The next walk will be on **14th December** at 10 am returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

We will follow all COVID housekeeping rules.

STUDY GROUP ON ZOOM:

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH

Tessa Carrick is inviting you to a scheduled zoom meeting:

Topic: Bible Study

Time: December 2nd at 11.00 am then every week on Thursday until January 13th 2022

Zoom access will be using

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88566416539?pwd=bHpOeC9PaVJ2YTRncjFveHdONkRSZz09>

Meeting ID: 885 6641 6539

Passcode: 689670

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NB: David's day off is from 5.00 pm

Wednesday until Thursday evening.

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Richard's day off is from 5.00 pm Wednesday until Thursday evening.

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Monday, Thursday, Friday mornings
from 9.30am-12.30pm

THE REGULAR PATTERN OF MORNING SERVICES AT ST GODWALD'S AND ALL SAINTS' FROM JANUARY 2022

1st Sunday in month:

8.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints'.

9.00 am Morning Prayer at St. Godwald's.

10.30 am Joint Service of Holy Communion CW with All Saints' at St. Godwald's.

2nd Sunday in month:

10.30 am Family Worship at St. Godwald's.

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints'.

3rd Sunday in month:

8.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints'.

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at St. Godwald's

10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints'.

4th Sunday in month:

9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's

10.30 am Morning Worship at St. Godwald's.

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints'.

5th Sunday in month:

10.00 am Team Service in various churches.

Evening Zoom Services will be at 4.00 pm

Baptisms at St Godwald's

Laura Jessica Moss will be baptised on Sunday, 16th January at 12.00 noon

Ruby Elizabeth Smith will be baptised on Sunday, 30th January at 12.00 noon

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.



GROCERY COLLECTIONS FOR ST BASIL'S

Donations of grocery items for St Basil's and NewStarts would be gratefully received on any Sunday at St Godwald's

BUILDING A CHILDREN'S BOOK LIBRARY

Dear friends,
Over the last few months, it has been very lovely to see children return to church at Totwalds, Little Stars, Messy Church and through Baptisms. It is great to see so many families reaching out and wanting to be a part of our church community.



As a way of reaching out to families that have taken their first step towards the church the mission enablers within the Worcester Diocese are working very hard to develop monthly resources to link a children's book that reflects something about God and our relationship with him.

I was wondering if, as a congregation, we could build a small library in our church, where families can borrow these books and explore their faith and 'live with Christ', including the sheet of 'suggestions linked to the story for the family to try as well as prayers for them to use' (quoted from Diocese of Worcester | Baptism Books (cofe-worcester.org.uk))

I will start us off with the book 'Have you seen Elvis?'. This book focuses on loving everyone, including yourself.

Would anyone be willing to sponsor any of the following books (or others from the diocese website)?

- *What the Ladybird Heard* by *Julia Donaldson*- Being responsible
- *Aliens in underpants save the world* by *Clare Freedman*- Jesus comes to save us
- *Six dinner Sid* by *Inga Moore*- generosity & love
- *Where's Spot* by *Eric Hill* - seek and you shall find
- *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* By *Dr. Suess* - Ups and downs of life
- *Dear Zoo* by *Rod Campbell* - God made everything

If you would like to help build a small Library for our young families or would like more information, please get in touch with me. I can source the books for you (roughly about £5 each) or you can donate a physical book! Thank you Kerstin (Kerstin.macdonald@hotmail.co.uk)

'DEEP AND CRISP AND EVEN'

The snow has fallen overnight the air is still,
such pure delight
Silence fills the dark cold morn, and we sit and wait the start of dawn
And then the children wake and see "we have some snow" they shout with glee
So wrapped up warm and wellies on, open the door and then they've gone

"We want some spades" they should out loud
to build a snowman and make you proud
Feverously they dig and build, its taking shape they are so thrilled
Now the face with carrots and coal, sticks for arms they're on a roll
And finally, a scarf so bright around his neck
Oh what a sight

Rosy cheeks and noses runny head back indoors for toast with honey
Outside the snow has finally stopped and snowman's nose has slightly dropped
And through the night he melts away, his arms of sticks on ice they lay
Children shout "where has he gone" why has he left what have we done"
They go outside to skies of blue and in the sky just out of view
A snowman smiles and just lets go his scarf so bright to earth below

The magical moment that brightly shone but just like Jesus never gone
We all need magic in our life to take away some of the strife
But as the sound of Church bells ring and Choirs in Churches start to sing
Ring out the joy of a new birth Jesus Christ is here on earth

Perhaps we all can feel and know the children's joy at seeing snow
Young at heart but very wise and look at life through children's eyes
Something new in every day, and then to God we softly pray
Thank you for our saviour's birth who lives amongst us here on Earth

Judith Rowe