

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL
This is a combined Newsletter for Sundays
19th, 26th December and 2nd January

A Prayer for the Christmas Season:

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven
touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.
Amen.

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER 2021

Advent 4

Alternative Collect for today:

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints'

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at St

Godwald's (also on zoom)

Meeting ID: 625 582 5148

6.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols at All Saints'
(also on zoom) Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

To Join zoom meetings

<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 5237 0131 460 1196

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Monday 20th December

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.**

**Please note, this is the last time until Monday
10th January 2022.**

Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

**3.00 pm Nativity & Christingle at St
Godwald's**

11.30 pm Joint Midnight Mass at St

Godwald's (also on zoom) led by

Revd David Ford

Meeting ID: 712 824 8561



Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

10.00 am Joint Christmas Communion Service

**at All Saints' (also on Zoom) led by Revd David
Ford**

Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER 2021

First Sunday of Christmas – St Stephen's Day

Alternative Collect for today:

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.00 am Said Holy Communion at St John's

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY 2022

Second Sunday of Christmas

Alternative Collect for today:

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.30 am Morning Prayer at St Godwald's

10.30 am Joint service of Holy Communion

CW with All Saints' at St Godwald's (also on

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

Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

4.00 pm Taize Service on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

Friday 7th January

10.00 am – 12 noon Community Café

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Children's Society Boxes are due to be handed to Catherine Maund for emptying. The boxes can be left in church, or you can contact Catherine by 'phone to arrange for your box to be delivered to her or collected by her.

Many thanks

Catherine's telephone no. is 01527 836909

CLERGY BREAK

Richard and David will both be having a few days break after Christmas from Boxing Day through to New Year's Day. Important messages can be left on the vicarage telephone: 873831.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.bromgroveparish.org.uk

The parish web site has undergone a little development these past weeks. One feature that will gradually be populated over the coming weeks are calendars for both our churches and church halls. These can be found under the relevant church listed as Church Diary and Hall Diary.

In time, these online diaries will become important sources of information and help all of us to know when our churches and our halls are and are not available. If you haven't visited the web site before, or for some time, please do visit and take a look!

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The next community café will be on **Friday 7th**

January 2022

and will continue on alternate Fridays at 10.00 am until 12 noon.



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 follow all COVID housekeeping rules.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES

Join us in the Ruth Heald Room every Wednesday at 10.00 am for Morning Worship. followed by refreshments.

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

STUDY GROUP ON ZOOM:

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH

Tessa Carrick is inviting you to a scheduled

zoom meeting: **Topic: Bible Study**

11.00 am on Thursdays until January 13th 2022

Zoom access will be using

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88566416539?pwd=bHpOeC9PaVJ2YTRncjFveHd0NkRSZz09>

Meeting ID: 885 6641 6539

Passcode: 689670

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

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

Please hold the following people and their families in your prayers:

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER and JANUARY

Freddie Burrows baptised on 4th December

Laura Jessica Moss to be baptised on 16th January 2022 at 12 noon.

Ruby Elizabeth Smith to be baptised on 30th January 2022 at 12.00pm.

FUNERALS IN DECEMBER

Anne-Marie Homer, Redditch Crematorium
Friday 17th December, 11.00 am

Gladys Healey, St John's Church,
Monday 20th December, 11.30 pm

Kathleen Taylor, St Godwald's Church
Wednesday, 22nd December 11.00 am

**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

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Wednesday until Thursday evening.

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

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 \(cofe-worcester.org.uk\)](http://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)

When everything is silent, and calmness fills the air
Just for those few minutes when you haven't got a care
Your mind is calmly resting, and your brain just needs a break
Relaxing in the stillness a calming breath you take
If only we could do this more just leave our cares behind
Our bodies could regain some strength as well as just our mind
Why do we dash and rush around with little time to spare?
Why cannot we sit quite unperturbed and breath in Gods good air
So many people never get to sit and just be still
The daily toll of worry stresses no wonder we get ill
Dashing here and racing back with another place to go
Remind ourselves that sometimes we need to take it slow
The pressures on so many folks and more so with the curse
Covid cases going up just makes us feel much worse
Escape and Hide is what we want a time to call our own
No messages no phone calls just please leave me alone
The trouble is without this rush none of us would live
We do our best but even then, it's not enough to give
We fail to meet the deadline our stress levels rising high
And all the time we are asking can I have more time to try
Exhausted worn out tired and not in a good place
Please just let me step outside and forget the human race
If your mind is full of worry and every day's a chore
Do we really need reminding "You must give even more?"
Stop Crazy World and listen we are running out of air
The more that we just rush around there will not be any spare
Just let me once forget it all and take some time to breath
Quietly sitting on my own reluctant "Must I leave"
So, stay a little longer feel the warmth of Gods kind arm
Enjoy these precious moments relax and just feel calm
Let your troubles pour out to him feel the beating of his heart
And listen while he tells you "From you I'll never part.

Hand it over to God

***The Newsletter Editorial Team wishes everyone a
Happy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas
and New Year!***

