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**For enquiries about baptisms, banns of marriage and weddings at  
All Saints' please speak to the Church Wardens (see above).**

**To book All Saints' Church Hall for regular meetings or events:**

Please phone Tony Turpin on 01527 876659.

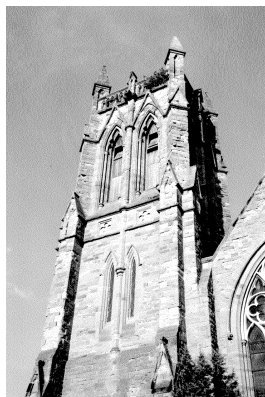
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**Information for the Newsletter:**

Please let me, Tessa Carrick,  
have any news or items for the next  
Newsletter by 12 noon on Tuesday.  
Telephone 01527 873135 or email  
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**All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove**

**19th and 26th December 2021 and 2nd January 2022:**

**JOY AND PEACE AT CHRISTMAS**

**There will be no further Newsletter until 9th January:  
please keep this copy until then for reference.**

**Wednesday 15th December 6.00 pm Advent Spiral in**

**All Saints' Church.** The Advent Spiral is one hour's quiet  
Meditation. We hope all ages will enjoy and find it beautiful.

**Sunday 19th December**

**8.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints' Church.**

**10.30 am Holy Communion in St. Godwald's & on Zoom.**

*To access the 10.30 am morning service on Zoom use:*

**Meeting ID: 247 411 5267.**

**6.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints Church**

**and also on Zoom.** *To access the Nine Lessons and Carols service  
on Zoom use: Meeting ID: 247 411 5267.*

**Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve**

**3.00 pm Christingle Service at St. Godwald's.**

(Unfortunately there will be no Christingle Service at All  
Saints' Church this year.)

**11.30 pm Midnight Mass at St. Godwald's.**

*For the Mass on Zoom use: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7128248561>*

**Meeting ID: 712 824 8561**

**Saturday 25th December: Christmas Day**

**10.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church.**

*To access the Christmas Day service on Zoom use:*

**Meeting ID: 247 411 5267.**

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**Sunday 26th December: St. Stephen's Day.**  
**10.00 am Joint service of Holy Communion at St. John's**  
**led by Rev. Jan Hatton.**

**Sunday 2nd January 2022: The Naming of Jesus**  
**8.00 am Holy Communion in All Saints' Church.**

**9.00am Morning Prayer in St. Godwald's Church.**

**10.30 am Holy Communion in St. Godwald's Church**

*To access the 10.30 am service on Zoom use:*

**Meeting ID: 247 411 5267.**

**4.00 pm Taizé Service on Zoom**

*To access the 4.00 pm service on Zoom use:*

**Meeting ID: 247 411 5267.**

**Sunday 9th January: Epiphany**

**10.30 am Holy Communion at All Saints' Church.**

**4.00 pm Celtic Service on Zoom**

**Covid 19 arrangements during services:**

*You are asked to leave space between you and the next person or couple, to wear masks, to come to the altar for Communion, and to share the peace by waving a greeting. You may sing the hymns, wearing your mask.*

**Clergy break**

Rev. David Ford and Rev. Richard Sandland 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.

**Home Communion:** If you are unable to come to church, Home Communion is available. Please let David know of your wishes.



**For all Families!** The Diocese of Worcester's weekly bible-based resources for children and families are on:  
<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources/>

**The Basement Food Bank:** Please leave dry or tinned foods, well within their expiry date, and basic toiletries in the plastic box at the back of All Saints' Church; these will be taken to the Basement Project for use for needy young people up to the age of 25.

**Study Group on Zoom: Explore Your Faith.** The group is on Thursdays at 11.00 am and is using the booklet *A Heart for Mission*. There will be meetings on Thursdays 16th and 23rd December. Zoom access will be using:

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

**Meeting ID: 885 6641 6539    Passcode: 689670**

**There will be no meeting on Thursday 30th December. Meetings will restart on Thursday 5th January.**

**The Chatterry Meetings in the Church Hall:**

Wednesday 15th December: Meeting from 2.00 to 3.30 pm as usual.  
Wednesday 22nd December: Christmas celebration at 2.00 to 3.30 pm.  
Wednesday 29th December: No Meeting  
Wednesday 5th January: Normal weekly Wednesday Meetings will restart from 2.00 to 3.30 pm.

**The Parish Administrator is Lauren Jones.**

She will be in the office at St. Godwald's on Monday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30.  
[pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com](mailto:pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com) : 01527 577759.

**Children's Society boxes:** **URGENT:** Please bring your boxes for emptying to church as soon as possible. If you need your box to be collected from your home please telephone Helen Waller on 01527 875521. Boxes brought to church will be stored in the safe if Helen isn't there.

**Requests for Prayers:** If you would like someone included in the Parish Prayer List (*and have their permission to do so*) please send details to Rev. David Ford (01527 873831). To find the list see: [https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer\\_requests.aspx](https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer_requests.aspx)

**Please hold the following people & their families in your prayers**

**Baptisms**

*Freddie Burrows* baptised at St. Godwald's on 4th December at 11,30 am.

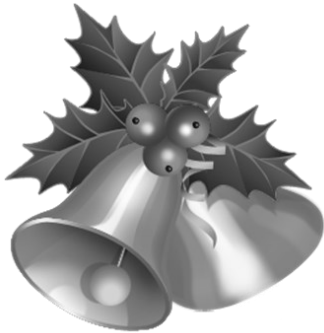
**Funerals**

*Aminda Mary Harvey* cremated at Redditch Crematorium on Tuesday 14 December at 11.00 am

*Anne-Marie Homer*, cremated at Redditch Crematorium, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2.45 pm

*Gladys Healey*, whose funeral is St John's Church, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30 am

*Kathleen Taylor*, whose funeral is at St Godwald's Church, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 11am.



**A prayer for Christmas** (by Robert Louis Stevenson) :  
*O God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. May the Christmas make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*



**Preparation of Advent Spiral – All Saints Church :**

**Help needed on Wednesday 15th afternoon.**

If you are able to help prepare the church for this special occasion, please come along at about 2.30 pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 very large amount of greenery! So please collect as much as you can from your gardens and bring it along on the day. Thank you!

**The Advent Spiral Service** is at 6.00 pm will be a beautiful hour of quiet meditation which we hope people of all ages will enjoy.

**Mission Stall**

**There will be a Mission Stall after the 10.30 am service on Sunday 9th January. Please bring any unwanted items, cakes and preserves to sell to raise money for Charity. And come prepared to buy! This after-Christmas stall is one way we raise funds to support USPG and other charities.**



## **Pattern of services 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 Holy Communion CW at All Saints'.

### **5th Sunday in month:**

10.00am Team Service in various churches.

**Hot drinks** are available in All Saints' Church Hall after 10.30 am services. *Do join us*

## **Choir arrangements in the future**

On two Sundays a month, choir members from one church will rehearse and join the choir of the other church. On the first Sunday of the month, All Saints' choir and their organist Julian, will come to St Godwald's for a **joint** service of Holy Communion. On the third Sunday of the month, members of St Godwald's choir will join All Saints' for their service.

## **All Saints' finance! THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

*Our Church needs your help even more than in the past, especially since we have been unable to have many fundraising events during the Covid restrictions. If you can give a little more either weekly or as a single donation that will help our church finances. If it can be gift-aided, that will be even better.*

Here is how you may make a donation:

- A) If you are not able to pay through the Bank: any donations that you have been saving may be collected from your home. Please get in touch with churchwarden Sue Bryant (01527 835728).
- B) Through the Bank. If you are already using this method of giving, please continue to do so. For more information on how to set up bank payments or gift aid, please get in touch with Andrew or Ann Smeeton at a Church service.

## **The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:**

<https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/>

The parish web site has undergone a little development these past weeks. One feature that will gradually be updated 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!

## **The Diocese of Worcester web-site is:**

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk>

This web-site gives information about the Diocese.

You will also find interesting items and details of services and events on the **Worcester Cathedral web-site:**

<https://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk>

## **Religious broadcasts over Christmas and the New Year:**

The programmes will vary over the Christmas Period so please watch for special services. Here are a few of the week's programmes:

*Sunday 19th December* 8.10 am Radio 4: Sunday Worship.

*Sunday 19th December* 1.15 pm BBC1 TV: Songs of Praise from Westminster Abbey.

*Wednesday 22nd December* 4.00 pm Radio 3: Choral Evensong.

*Friday 24th December Christmas Eve* Radio 4: 9.45 am Daily Service from King's College, Cambridge.

*Friday 24th December Christmas Eve* 6.15 pm BBC2 TV: Carols from King's College, Cambridge.

*Friday 24th December Christmas Eve* 11.30 pm Radio 4: Midnight Mass from Salford Cathedral.

*Saturday 25th December Christmas Day* 9.00 am Radio 4: Christmas Service from Bethlehem.

*Saturday 25th December Christmas Day* 10.00 am BBC1 TV: Live Christmas Day Service from Coventry Cathedral.

*Saturday 25th December Christmas Day* 1.00-3.00 pm Radio 3: Festival of Nine lessons & Carols from King's College.

*Sunday 26th December Boxing Day* 8.10 am Radio 4: Sunday Worship: Rev. Lucy Winkett: a Christmas Gospel Celebration

*Sunday 26th December Boxing Day* BBC 1 TV: 1.15 pm Songs of Praise from Ireland.



## Silence by Judith Rowe

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 breathe,  
Quietly sitting on my own, reluctant "Must I leave,"  
So, stay a little longer, feel the warmth of God's 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.*

