ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL SUNDAY 6th MARCH 2022 1st Sunday of Lent

Alternative Collect for today:

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Holy Communion CW joint service at St Godwald's
(also via Zoom - Meeting ID: 712 824 8561)

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(Zoom - Meeting ID 247 411 5267)

Monday 7th March

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.

Next Sunday's Services – 13th March

10.30 am Holy Communion CW St Godwald's 10.30 am Holy Communion CW All Saints 4.00 pm Celtic (zoom)

TUESDAY WALKS meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. The next walk will be on **8th March** 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 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.

The group meets on Zoom on Thursdays at 11.00 am for Bible Study. Newcomers are always welcome. Please use the **Zoom meeting ID 832 8334 3016**. There is no Passcode.

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.





PASTORAL SCHEME TO EXPAND PARISH OF BROMSGROVE

As you will know, it is proposed to expand the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bromsgrove to include the parishes and churches of Dodford, Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren. The proposal is now in its final stage of Public Consultation. If you wish to express a view in favour or against, please write, giving your reasons, by Monday 14th March 2022 to: Matthew Crowe Church Commissioners Church House Great Smith Street London SW1P 3AZ (e-mail <u>matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org</u>)

The documents explaining this proposal may be found on our web site here: <u>https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups</u> /<u>373563/Pastoral_Scheme.aspx</u>.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The next community café will be on Friday 18th March 2022 and will continue on



alternate Fridays at 10.00 am until 12 noon.

LENT GROUPS 2022: FORTY WOMEN:

Unseen women of the Bible from Eden to Easter by Ros Clarke (ISBN 9781789743562). This year, three groups will explore lesser known women from scripture. The groups are:

Mondays 2.00-3.30pm: led by Revd Sue Humphries, and held at 119 Old Station Road (limited to six in total)

Tuesdays 2.00-3.30pm: led by David, Richard, Jan and Rosemary, and held on zoom

Fridays 7.00-8.30pm: led by David and Richard and possibly others, and also held on zoom.

The groups will meet week beginning 7th March and meet for five weeks. If you would like to join a group as a participant or to lead a session, please let one of the named above know. The book can be purchased easily online but it's not necessary to have your own copy. Thank you!

GROCERY COLLECTIONS

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

CONTACTLESS CARD PAYMENTS

are now accepted at St Godwald's – it is now possible to

donate to St Godwald's using your bank card. Once Wi-Fi is installed in church this week, the card unit will stand at the back of church. Any amount can be donated although the unit is pre-set with six different amounts starting at £2. Select the amount you want to donate using the touch screen and then tap your card on the top of the unit. The system is compliant with gift aid and data protection. There is no need to change your existing method of supporting St Godwald's but this will be an invaluable addition to our range of giving options, especially for newcomers and occasional visitors.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to **Afternoon Tea** from 2pm until 4pm in the Ruth Heald Room on **Wednesday 16th March**

This is to celebrate the many years Ladies Fellowship has been running and for the dedication of Pat Brade as Chairman that kept our Fellowship going for so long

It is with sadness that we will be closing Ladies Fellowship, but the last 2 years has taken a toll on many of us. However, we will be left with the lovely memories we have all shared together over many years

This is a chance to say a proper Goodbye and Thank you to Pat and share food and companionship together

Please reply to Judith Rowe on 01527871571

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Revd Richard Sandland - Curate

2 Verona Road B60 2SS Phone: 01527 831282 Mobile: 07970 068150 Email: <u>richardjsandland@btinternet.com</u> *Richard's day off is from 5.00 pm Wednesday until Thursday evening.*

Lauren Jones – Parish Administrator

pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com 01527 577759 Monday, Thursday, Friday from 9.30am-2.30pm



Prayers for Ukraine

The situation in Ukraine is ever more serious and our prayers for all involved are urgently needed. To facilitate this, and in recognition that the broader community may welcome more access to our churches, we are trying to keep All Saints and St Godwald's open throughout the week between approximately 9am and 5pm. There is a rota at the back of both churches where you can indicate your willingness to help with this. Please try to work in pairs as lone working in churches is not advised.

In addition to offering to open or close our churches, we are also inviting people to lead prayers at the start and the close of each day. This can be as simple as saying the Lord's Prayer and as complex as reciting the full liturgy for evening prayer.

Another approach is to download the Daily Prayer app on your smartphone and simply play the service for the day as indicated by the app The link for this is:

<u>https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-</u>worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-

<u>prayer-app-and-podcast</u>. Richard and I will try to provide some resources too.

In All Saints chairs are arranged around the votive candle stand opposite the door or you may wish to use the Lady Chapel or simply sit in the Nave. At St Godwald's a prayer circle will be arranged in the Lady Chapel.

Whether or not you can help with the rotas do please come to church to pray if you can. And, of course, may we all remain diligent in our home prayer lives too.

Thank you David and Richard

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

1st Sunday in month

8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.20 am Joint Sonvice of Holy Co



10.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's

2nd Sunday in month

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's 10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints

3rd Sunday in month

8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's10.30 am Family Service at St Godwald's10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints

4th Sunday in month:

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints' 10.30 am Morning Worship at St Godwald's

5th Sunday in month:

10.00 am Team Service in various churches