



**ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S
SUNDAY 3rd December 2023
ADVENT SUNDAY**



Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sunday 3rd December: Advent Sunday

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Advent Carol Service - joint service with All Saints' led by Rev'd David Ford

Zoom ID: 712 824 8561

6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom led by Rev'd David Ford
Zoom ID :247 411 5267, Passcode 390209

Next Week's Services:

Saturday 9th December:

3.00 pm St Godwald's: Ramblers' Carol Service led by Rev'd Margaret Woodgates

Sunday 10th December: Advent 2

9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd David Ford.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Family Service led by Rev'd Richard Sandland and Emma Morris

10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd David Ford.

5.00 pm St Godwald's: Carols by Candlelight led by Rev'd Richard Sandland

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Box Collection.

It is that time of the year again. Please bring your Children's Society boxes to church for emptying or for **All Saints'** contact **Helen on 01527 875521** and for **St Godwald's** contact **Catherine on 01527 467859** for collection of the box.

If anybody would like a box for next year we do have spare boxes, Thank you. Helen Waller (AS) and Catherine Maund (St G's).

SUNDAY @ 6 - EVENING GATHERING on ZOOM

Please remember our Zoom Services on Sundays at 6pm.

This is a small but devoted group of people who are sharing some fabulous time of prayer together. It lasts for around 20 minutes and is now called '**Evening Gathering**'. There is a great variety of worship styles offered which can only enrich prayer life; it is a lovely way to round off the weekend. Log-on details are always in this Newsletter.

SOUL AND SENSES SERVICE

This is a Service at **All Saints' Church** held on **the first Saturday of each month**. The next service is on **Saturday 6th JANUARY 2024**. Each Service will all start at **5.00pm**, last for around 40 minutes.

Please come and join us in wondering and exploring what God is saying to and with us. **ALL are welcome** - come as you are!

PIZZA (CAFÉ) CHURCH

Café Church is an informal service in the **Church Hall** at **St. Godwald's** for all the family to enjoy. A small buffet style supper is included. **The next Pizza Church** is on **Saturday, January 27th at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).

JOURNEYING INTO THE LIGHT

Advent isn't just for Christmas: *Journeying into the Light*.

Join David Ford for an afternoon exploring the themes of Advent.

Tuesday 5th December, 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the **Ruth Heald Room** at **St Godwald's Church**.

Please let David know if you are planning to come along so he has an idea of numbers. Thank you!

DATES for the DIARY!

Saturday 2nd December: All Saints' Christmas Bazaar

More details further in this newsletter!

Tuesday 5th December: 2.00 – 4.00 pm in the **Ruth Heald Room** at **St Godwald's Church** - Journeying into the Light – more details in the newsletter!

MONTHLY PATTERN of SERVICES at ALL SAINTS' and St GODWALD'S:

1st Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints'
10.30am Joint Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom

2nd Sunday: 9.00am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints'
10.30am Family Service at St Godwald's
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom.

3rd Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints.
10.30am Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's
10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints'.
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom

4th Sunday: 9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints'.
10.30 am Morning Worship at St Godwald's.
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom.

5th Sunday: Team Service in various churches.

First Saturday: 5.00pm Soul and Sense at All Saints'

Last Saturday: 5.00pm Café Church at St Godwald's

ALL SAINTS'

WEEKLY CHATTERY MEETINGS in the Church Hall

Informal meetings are held weekly on **Wednesdays**
in **All Saints' Church Hall**
from **2.00 to 3.30 pm**.



Everyone is welcome to join the chatting and to enjoy a hot drink. You can also join in quizzes, board games or jigsaws if you wish.

It is a warm, friendly group of a wide range of ages. Further details from Tessa Carrick on 01527 873135.

CHOIR PRACTICES: Most weeks the choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays** from **5.30 pm to 7.00 pm**.

Members of the Choir are asked to be at church on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays by 9.50 am for practice before the 10.30 am services. Please contact Ollie Neale regarding the choir and music and to confirm times of practices: ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk



MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union meets on the **third Monday** of each month at **2.30pm** in the Vestry. At each meeting there is a short time of worship, a speaker and refreshments. All are welcome.

CHURCH HEATING: The Church Council has met and agreed to cap the temperature of the church at 13 degrees for the autumn and winter months. This is simply because we cannot afford to pay more. Although the heating will be on, at times the church will feel cool and possibly even cold. Please dress appropriately and feel free to bring a blanket or hot water bottle with you. Thank you! David.

SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE due to be at All Saints' on 17th
December at 10.30 am

Unfortunately, this service has been cancelled!



ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Saturday
2nd December

Timetable:

Help is needed from 10 am - setting up stalls.

There are coloured cloths available for every stall.

Barbara has the layout of the stalls.



The Bazaar will run from **2.00pm to 4.00pm.**

4.00 pm to 5.00 pm Clearing away.

Refreshments - Brenda Timmins, Edna Neale, Pat Gulliver

Raffle - Liz Ford

Cakes and Preserves - Carol Muldoon, Sharon Lees

Books, CDs and DVDs - Ann & Andrew Smeeton

White Elephant - Stella Noon, Nicky Gough, Marjorie Carnelley, Sarah & Stephen Bull

Fancy Goods - Sue Ward, Nicki Schirmmacher

Christmas Paraphernalia - Win Cadd & Sarah Mucklow, John Wyatt

Name Me! - Teresa Wyatt

Tombola (sweets and non-alcoholic drinks) - Helen Waller, Sue Bryant

Plants - Christine & Peter Bould

Jigsaws and Games - Suzanne Thompson

Water into Wine - Richard

Other volunteers - Tessa Carrick

Thank you to all who have offered to help on the day.

ST GODWALD'S

MONDAY 4th December - TOTWALDS

Totwalds is our worship time in church for 0-5 year-olds and their parents/carers. There is always a story, lovely songs and an activity.

Everyone is welcome at **9.30am each Monday morning**.

TUESDAY WALKS meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

The next walk is on **12th December at 10.00 am** returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICE

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

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

ST GODWALD'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ:

The Community Café is open *every alternate Friday*. The next café will be **Friday 8th December** 10.00 am until 12 noon.

No charge but donations always very welcome



PATTERN of SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The pattern of Sunday morning worship at St Godwald's will change slightly with effect from 1 January 2024. Following the very successful joint Eucharists held on the first Sunday of each month at St Godwald's, we will be introducing a parallel joint Eucharist at All Saints on the second Sunday of each month. This joint service at All Saints will replace the Family Service that has occupied the 10.30 slot at St Godwald's in recent years.

Huge thanks to Kerstin for leading this service in recent times; Kerstin will now be concentrating her worship leading on Café

Church. All other services at St Godwald's will remain unchanged.
David Ford.

A MESSAGE from RICHARD:

Dear Friends,

Many of you will have heard the announcement made in church last Sunday, that Kath and I will soon be moving to the Bowbrook Group, where I shall be licensed as Rector. Although the reality of a move has been looming for a little while now, I'm surprised by just how quickly it's happened over the last month or so. As ever, I'm catching up!

Bowbrook is a Benefice of eight churches, across five Parishes, stretching from Tibberton & Oddingley in the west to Hanbury in the north, Stock & Bradley Green in the east and Crowle & Bredicot in the south; roughly in the middle of all of these are Himbleton & Huddington. My friend Nick, a curate in Derby Diocese, is convinced that I'm making some of these names up!

The timescale of the move is yet to be finalised, but Archdeacon Nikki thinks we will be there before Easter, and as it's an early Easter next year, 31st March, I'd guess that we'll be leaving Bromsgrove sometime in mid-February and will be licensed in mid-March. But this is all still to be confirmed.

The overwhelming feeling is that it feels like no time at all since we were welcomed to Bromsgrove, and what a welcome it has been! I am so very grateful to you all for your kindness and your support as I have felt my way into ordained ministry. Bromsgrove felt like home very quickly, and I shall forever hold you in my heart; if there is an example of how best to present a Christian welcome to someone, then Kath and I have received it here.

God's blessing and all love to you all,

Richard

St Godwald's and All Saints' Services for remainder of December:

Saturday 9th December:

3.00 pm St Godwald's: Ramblers' Carol Service led by Rev'd Margaret Woodgates.



Sunday 10th December: Advent 2

9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd David Ford.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Family Service led by Rev'd Richard Sandland and Emma Morris.

10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd David Ford.

5.00 pm St Godwald's: Carols by Candlelight led by Rev'd Richard Sandland.



Sunday 17th December: Advent 3

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Richard Sandland.

6.00 pm All Saints': Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols led by Rev'd David Ford.

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve

10.00 am All Saints': Holy Communion for Advent 4 (said) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

3.00 pm St. Godwald's: Crib and Christingle Service led by Rev'd Richard Sandland.

3.30 pm All Saints': Crib Service led by Rev'd David Ford.

11.30 pm St. Godwald's: Midnight Communion led by Rev'd David Ford.



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25th December: Christmas Day
10.00 am St. Godwald's:
Morning Worship for Christmas
led by Rev'd David Ford.



Sunday 31st December: Christmas 1
10.00 am St. Godwald's: Team Eucharist led by Rev'd Richard Sandland.



The
**NATIVITY
EXPERIENCE**

This Christmas, journey back in time to a world of wonder, faith and the birth of a miracle

Join us at Top Barn and immerse yourself in a world of wise men, shepherds and angels with our **interactive walk-around** nativity experience.

The Nativity experience is running over two weekends in December, with multiple sessions available for booking throughout the evening.

It's perfect for **all ages** as an opportunity to come together, rediscover the **true meaning of Christmas** and create memories to last a lifetime, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Approx. 1hr
Staggered
timings between

4-8pm

Adults - £14

Children - £8

Under 3s - Free

Families - £39

2 adults 2 children

**Includes
hot drink +
tractor ride!**

Due to uneven ground, the event is sadly not wheelchair or pram accessible
Please bring warm clothing and a torch



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You are invited to a
Christmas Afternoon Tea
Saturday 9th December
Bromsgrove Baptist Church
12:30pm~3:00pm



To book your meal please contact:
Clare Neal 07586 525724
cn@thehubbromsgrove.org

CONTACT DETAILS:



Revd David Ford - Team Rector

Address: The Vicarage, 15 Finstall Road, Bromsgrove
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Phone: 01527 873831 Mobile: 07973 412625

David's day off is from 5.00 pm Thursday to Friday evening.



Revd Richard Sandland - Curate

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Mobile: 07970 068150

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

Lauren Jones – Parish Administrator

(For all enquiries including the booking of Church Halls)

St Godwald's Office:

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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am-2.30pm

******(Lauren will be working Tuesday, **Wednesday** and Thursday in the last three weeks of November)******.

All Saints' Church Wardens:

Sue Ward 0121 453 3180 and Sue Bryant 01527 835728

All Saints' Organist and Choirmaster

Ollie Neale, email: ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk

Information for the Newsletter:

Please let me have any news or items for next week's Newsletter from either St Godwald's or All Saints' by 12 noon on Tuesday, Thank you,
Catherine Maund: cmaund1@sky.com