



ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S
SUNDAY 24th March 2024
Sixth Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday



Prayer for the Week

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Sunday 24th March: Palm Sunday

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

10.30 am St Godwald's: Morning Worship led by Jan Hewer and Norman Hewer

10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Deb Buckley
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9408514608>

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6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom led by Rosemary Sumner.

Zoom ID: 625 582 5148

Next Week's Services: HOLY WEEK

Monday 25th March:

7.00 pm St Godwald's: Compline led by Rev'd David Ford

Tuesday 26th March:

10.15 am St Godwald's: Messy Church led by Kerstin MacDonald

7.00 pm Zoom: Compline led by Rosemary Sumner

Zoom ID: 625 582 5148



Wednesday 27th March:

7.00 pm St Godwald's: Compline led by Kerstin MacDonald

Thursday 28th March: Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm All Saints': Holy Communion led by Rev'd David Ford

Friday 29th March: Good Friday

12 noon St Godwald's: Meditation for Good Friday led by Rev'd Deb Buckley

2.00 pm All Saints': Meditation for Good Friday led by Rev'd Sue Humphries

Saturday 30th March: Easter Eve

5.00 pm St Godwald's Café/Pizza Church including Service of Light led by Kerstin MacDonald and Rev'd David Ford

Sunday 31st March: EASTER DAY

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

10.30 am All Saints': Joint Holy Communion (CW) with St Godwald's led by Rev'd David Ford.

No 6.00pm Zoom Service

EASTER MESSY CHURCH

It's Messy Church time again! We are currently planning our crafty morning for Tuesday, 26th March 10:15am - 12noon.



As always, your help and support in bringing the Easter story closer to Families within our community would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking for **2 or more volunteers to support us with the refreshments**. This includes: getting the Tea/ Coffee and cups ready for 10:30 am and serving it to parents from the hatch in the hall.

We are also looking for **6 people to support a craft table**. Tasks include: Briefly explaining the tasks to children, supporting them in their crafting and general conversations with adults and children. Most of the activities are table based and can be supported whilst sitting down.

If this is something that you would like to get involved with or you have any questions, please do get in touch with me (email kerstin.macdonald@hotmail.com, or phone 07511749539) by 10th March.

We are currently on the hunt for empty, clear, small plastic bottles (500ml or less) with screw lids to make prayer bottles. Please could you start collecting these and bring them to church, if this is something you use.

Thank you all for your kind support,
Kerstin x

SUNDAY @ 6 - EVENING GATHERING on ZOOM

Zoom Services on Sundays at 6pm where a small but devoted group of people are sharing some fabulous time of prayer together. It lasts for around 20 minutes. 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 April 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, March 30th at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).

As it is Easter Eve it will be Café/Pizza Church including Service of Light.

LENT : There is a choice of Lent Courses this year....details below:

LENT COURSE....LENT COURSE....LENT COURSE....

Revd Paula Honniball is running a **24/7 Prayer Course** during Lent. Sessions last no more than 1½ hours and consist of a short video followed by discussion....and prayer!

Every Tuesday evening beginning 20th Feb at 7:30pm in Stoke Prior Church.

Contact Paula Honniball on phonniball12@gmail.com

LENT COURSE

Rosemary Sumner will be running a Lent Course via Zoom on Fridays from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. It will be a 5 week course based on Paula Gooder's "Lentwise". This looks at 5 "I am" sayings of Jesus from John's Gospel. It is not necessary to buy the book, all you really need is a Bible or New Testament. If anyone would like to take part, it would be helpful to let Rosemary know –

rosemary.sumner723@btinternet.com or 01527-831575.

Zoom ID: 625 582 5148

ALL SAINTS'

The **WEEKLY CHATTERY MEETINGS** are 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

Please note the change of venue from January 15th

The Mothers' Union will meet on the **third Monday** of each month at **2.30pm** at **12, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove**.

At each meeting there is a short time of worship, a speaker and refreshments. All are welcome.

CHURCH HEATING: The temperature of the church will be capped at 13 degrees for the autumn and winter months. 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.

ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL REPORT

It is time once again to gather our record of our church year in our Annual Report. Please can you send all your contributions to me for the last year April 2023-March 2024

to crawleypamela@hotmail.com by 26th March.

There will be vacancies on DCC this year, more details later.

Thank you, Pam Rosewarne.

ST GODWALD'S

TOTWALDS

No Totwalds during the holidays! Back again Monday April 8th

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 **26th March 2024 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 12th April 2024** 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 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.

ST GODWALDS SUMMER FAIR 2024



The Summer Fair will take place this year on **Saturday 8th June**.

Details of timings to be confirmed later.

Please think about how you would like to be involved in any way – this was a lovely community event last year, and it worked so well because of the generosity of us all in giving time and items to make the day a great success.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th May: Join us for a **Rogation Ramble** on Tuesday 7th May (an official Rogation Day!). More information before too long.
David and Judith

Saturday 8th June: St Godwald's Summer Fair

Wednesday 14th August: Cream Tea 2.00-4.00pm in All Saints' Church Hall, for charity.

Saturday 7th September: Heritage Weekend at All Saints' Church

Saturday 30th November: All Saints' Christmas Bazaar

150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONCERTS

As part of **All Saints' 150 year Anniversary Celebrations** there will be a **Church Concert Series**, details of which are on the attached poster.

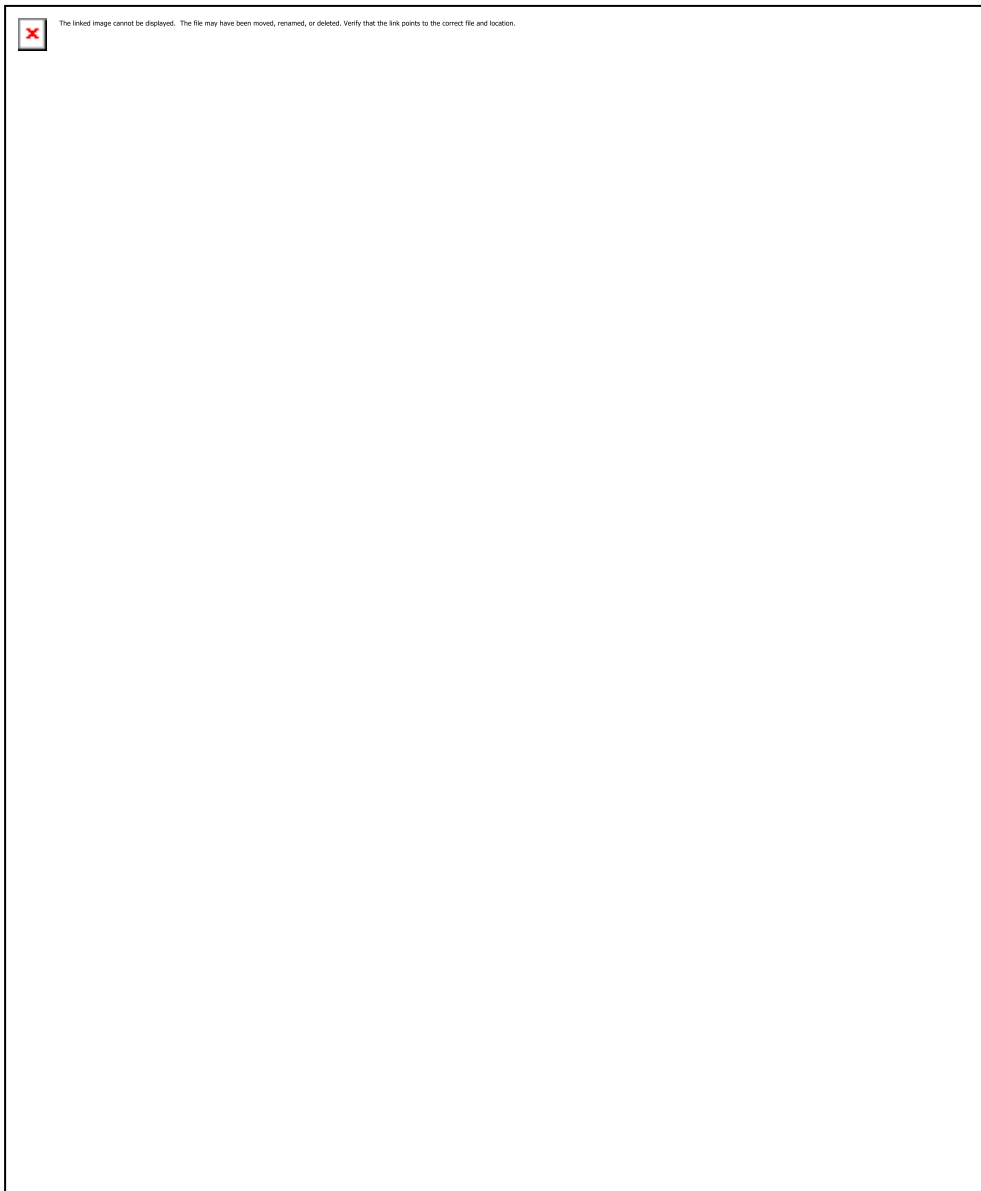
The online booking page for the Come and Sing event,

is [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/come-and-sing-vivaldi-gloria-and-faure-requiem-registration-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/come-and-sing-vivaldi-gloria-and-faure-requiem-registration-812452937607?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=1)

[812452937607?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/come-and-sing-vivaldi-gloria-and-faure-requiem-registration-812452937607?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=1), where you can also view the Concert Series Programme.

All of the concerts are **Free to attend** with a suggested donation of £5, unless otherwise stated.

For participants wishing to register for the **Come and Sing!** on the 27th July, participants can register online via Eventbrite, or by contacting Ollie Neale at ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk. The 5pm concert is free for concertgoers.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Pat Cattell is now back at home following a serious fall. Please hold her and her family in your prayers.

Thank you. David.

Rosemary Troth, who, following a heart attack, is recovering steadily.

The Christian Union at South Bromsgrove High School is a small group of committed youngsters from different churches and none who gather weekly to explore their faith together. The group needs your prayers for the group is in need of consistent adult leadership from outside the school.

Please pray for the youngsters and for the emergence of appropriate adult leadership. Please pray too for the termly online prayer meetings that are held to support the school.

If preparing intercessions, please include our schools – first, middle and high – in our prayers, Thank you, David.

CHURCH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS:

Delilah Darby - 13th April (St Godwald's)

Connor George - 14th April (St Godwald's)

Lottie Nevett - 21st April (St Godwald's)

Alaia-Rose Giles - 5th May (St Godwald's)

St Godwald's and All Saints' Services for MARCH:

Sunday 31st March: EASTER DAY

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

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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 Joint Holy Communion CW at All Saints'
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/Pizza Church at St Godwald's

BROMSGROVE STREET PASTORS

Set up and operational since July 2012, Bromsgrove Street Pastors vigilantly patrolled the streets of the town each Friday night from 10pm until 4am Saturday morning, looking after people – mostly young – in many ways. The patrols were supported prayerfully at the base in the Baptist Church. Bromsgrove Street Pastors operated under the auspices of Churches Together in Bromsgrove with about 40 volunteers initially, mostly from the Free Churches although it was Rev Chris Wingfield, Vicar of St John's who brought the initiative into being.

At that time, Bromsgrove had a thriving Night Time Economy with many food outlets, pubs and the two nightclubs. However, with the onset of Covid 19 and all the attendant restrictions, the NTE was rapidly – possibly irreparably - reduced. At the same time, the number of Street Pastors declined to the point where it was beginning to be difficult to sustain patrols every Friday/Saturday or whether it would be possible to continue at all.

A meeting was called for 20 February to determine whether the initiative could be sustained. With much regret, and to the disappointment of the Police, the local authority and other interested parties, it was agreed that patrols would cease at the end of March. Much thought went into discussion of the future, especially trying to maintain the links which had been forged and to discern the Lord's will for the group going forward.

Please pray for the evolvment of our fellow Christians in this situation and make every effort to participate in the new process whatever that may be. As guide it has been suggested that;

- Continue to meet as a prayer team on Friday nights.
- Support the "Prayers for Bromsgrove" group that already meets monthly on a Monday. Contact Nicola Martin for more details and to be added to the email list (nicola.martin12@btinternet.com)
- Consider seeking the support of external groups skilled in bringing church and communities together to discern what the needs are locally, and take steps towards addressing them (see <https://roc.uk.com/>)
- Meet quarterly to pray and share updates of how the Lord is leading and guiding us into new areas / activities.

Let us hope that we can make a meaningful and purposeful contribution to this process.

CONTACT DETAILS:



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

Lauren Jones – Parish Administrator

(For all enquiries including the booking of Church Halls)

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pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am-2.30pm.

All Saints' Church Wardens:

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All Saints' Organist and Choirmaster

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

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Suzanne Thompson 01527 836142

Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor:

Hilary Higton 07495 060869

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