



## **ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December: Advent Sunday**

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

**10.30 am St. Godwald's:** Joint Advent Carol Service with Holy Communion (CW) with All Saints' led by Rev'd Ann Cogle.

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### **Next Week's Services:**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:**

**7.00 pm Brook Court:** Carols

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December:**

**3.00 pm St Godwald's:** Ramblers' Carol Service led by Rev'd Ann Cogle.

**5.00 pm All Saints':** Soul and Senses Service led by Rev'd Deb Buckley and Gill Gould

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Advent 2**

**9.00am St. Godwald's:** Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

**10.30 am All Saints':** Joint Holy Communion (CW) with St Godwald's

Led by Rev'd Deb Buckley

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## **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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. Each

Service starts at **5.00pm** and lasts 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, November 30th at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).

## **Fr DAVID LINGWOOD**

Fr David Lingwood's sermons, are available online at:

[www.youtube.com/@Fr.David.TSSF-HorribleHomilies/videos](http://www.youtube.com/@Fr.David.TSSF-HorribleHomilies/videos)

or by searching for 'Horrible Homilies' on YouTube.

Each is about 7 minutes long and is a multimedia presentation.

## **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).

## **WE NEED YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS**

Please save your used postage stamps! All Saints' Church are collecting used postage stamps, 1st, 2nd class and from overseas, and will be sending them to the RNIB, who can receive £20.00 per kilo of stamps.



This will be an ongoing initiative, but most of us have a few extra stamps over the Christmas season and so we are promoting it now.

Stamps can be brought to church during any of our services, there is a clearly marked box on the table at the back, or to the Parish Office, during opening hours, where there is a box for them. There is no cost to the church for sending these to the RNIB and seems a really good way of recycling our stamps.

Thank you very much. If you have any queries about this, then please call Gill Gould (All Saints on 07824368584).

## 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](mailto:ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk)

If you enjoy listening to All Saints' Choir at Services you might like to see this schedule:

**1st Sunday of the month:** The Choir join the 10.30am Joint Service at St Godwald's, Holy Communion with Hymns, (with organist Joel Pagett)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month:** 10.30am Joint Service at All Saints' with St Godwald's. The 'Main' Choral Service of the month where we might have a more complex Anthem/Service Music etc.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:** 10.30am Lay-Led Service-only Hymns.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:** 10.30am Holy Communion-Mass Setting, Anthem and Hymns.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:** 10.00am Team Service ONLY if at All Saints' Church



## MOTHERS' UNION

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.

## **THE BASEMENT PROJECT**

### **Help needed for The Basement Project**

As we head into the autumn, we would like to invite you to support local Bromsgrove charity, The Basement Project, which All Saints' have a history of supporting.



### **What is The Basement Project?**

The Basement Project is an independent local charity that offers support and guidance to young people (under 25 years of age) experiencing issues or difficulties. The charity helps those who are homeless or facing homelessness, including support “aligned to resolving financial challenges, relationship issues”. They support a journey to independence through education, employment and training.

### **How can I support?**

Located at the back of All Saints' Church is a box to receive small donations for The Basement Project, based here in Bromsgrove. If you are able to contribute a small item (food items, toiletries or £1/£2) once or twice a month, our collective effort will enable us to regularly contribute to food and toiletry parcels for use by young people in need.

### **What can I donate?**

Any store cupboard food or drink item that has a reasonable best before date. Toiletries are also welcomed. If you would prefer, feel free to pop £1 or £2 in the box and we'll convert it to food and toiletries.

### **Thank you**

Thank you if you are already a supporter of The Basement Project and thank you if you are able and willing to start supporting. More information at [www.basementproject.org](http://www.basementproject.org).

## ST GODWALD'S

### MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

**Please note that the next walk is on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10.00 am** starting from the Ruth Heald Room and 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.

There will be two Communion Service each month and two services of Morning Worship.

### ST GODWALD'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ:

The Community Café is open *every alternate Friday*. The next café will be **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 10.00 am** until 12 noon.

No charge but donations always very welcome.



### ST GODWALDS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS –

During late November/early December we are collecting Christmas food and bottle items to enable us to produce three excellent Christmas Hampers which we will be raffled to the congregations of St. Godwalds, to Church Hall Groups and friends. The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn after the Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able to donate a Christmas food/bottle item towards the Christmas Hampers, this would be very much appreciated. A basket for donations of Christmas food and bottles has been placed at the back of the Church.



## **ST BASILS**

St Basils is a homeless shelter in Bromsgrove. It works with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk, helping almost 4000 youngsters per year across the West Midlands.



St Godwald's Church has supported St Basils for many years. For example, 12 years ago Judith and David opened a Community Café, which still runs on alternate Fridays.

The café is very popular with the local community, with many friendships being made; there are always homemade cakes, tea and coffee available to anyone who pays a visit. We have always had a donation policy rather than an individual payment. This has allowed us to give St Basils a £50.00 donation each month. The money is a backup for the youngsters, most of them arriving with nothing: bus fares, phone top ups, new shoes are just a few of the things that this cash allows St Basils to support.

Likewise, the Tuesday Ramble has attracted people from the local community and after our walk, scones, cake, tea and coffee are offered, again paid for by donation.

Each Christmas, again thanks to donations, every youngster receives a Christmas present, beautifully put together by Judith and David's daughter Emma; this kindness has made an awful lot of difference to these young people.

Any surplus money from these two ventures is given to other charities supported by St Godwald's. A lump sum is often given to St Basils to enable them to give the youngsters a treat, a pizza night or a cinema visit.

Thank you very much for supporting the Community Café and Ramble Group in all sorts of ways; new faces are always welcome to join in our fellowship and fundraising.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**All Saints Church Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-4pm in  
the Church Hall.**

Don't miss out on this annual Christmas event where you will find many stalls including White elephant, Tombola, Bottle Stall, Christmas goods, Raffle, Fancy goods, Cakes, Jams and Chutney and many more. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon. So do come along and join in the fun and do some Christmas shopping – Christmas starts here and we look forward to seeing you for a festive afternoon!!



## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Trevor Betteridge, Margaret Woodgates, Rhona, Richard Barnett  
and the Family of Geoffrey Morris.**

**The Christian Union at South Bromsgrove High School**

Please pray for the youngsters and for the termly online prayer meetings that are held to support the school.

Please include our schools – first, middle and high – in our prayers.



## **St Godwald's and All Saints' Services for DECEMBER:**

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### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December:**

**4.00pm St. Godwald's:** Primrose Hospice Christmas Carol Service 'Lights of Love.' led by Rev'd Deb Buckley

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Advent 3**

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

**10.30am St. Godwald's:** Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Ann Cogle.

**10.30 am All Saints':** Advent Morning Worship

**5.00 pm St. Godwald's: Joint Candlelit Carol Service** with **All Saints'** led by Rev'd Ann Cogle



### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Advent 4**

**9.00 am St. Godwald's:** Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries

**10.30 am St Godwald's:** Morning Worship led by Emma Morris and Judith Rowe

**6.00 pm All Saints':** Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**3.00 pm St Godwald's: Crib and Christingle Service** led by Rev'd Ann Cogle  
**3.30 pm All Saints': Crib and Christingle Service** led by Rosemary Summner  
**11.00 pm St Godwald's: Midnight Communion** led by Rev'd Ann Cogle  
**11.30 pm All Saints': Midnight Communion** led by Rev'd Deb Buckley



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December: CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**10.00 am St Godwald's: Morning Worship for Christmas Day** led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas 1**  
**10.00 am St Godwald's: TEAM SERVICE** – Holy Communion led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

**MONTHLY PATTERN of SERVICES at All Saints' and St Godwald's:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> 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



SALTMINE

*Saltmine Theatre Company presents*

*Jack  
and the  
Beanstalk*

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**7pm on both nights (doors open at 6.30pm)**

**Bromsgrove Baptist Church (B60 2JD)**

**Visit: <https://www.bromsgrove-baptists.org.uk>**

**Tickets on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**

## **CONTACT DETAILS:**

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**(For all enquiries including the booking of Church Halls)**

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

**All Saints' Church Wardens:**

Sue Ward 0121 453 3180 and Sue Bryant 01527 835728

**St Godwald's Church Wardens:**

Caroline Spencer 01527 832414 and Norman Hewer 01527 871722

**All Saints' Organist and Choirmaster**

Ollie Neale, email: [ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk)

## **SAFEGUARDING**

**All Saints' Safeguarding Lead:**

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**St Godwald's Safeguarding Lead:**

Catherine Maund 07788 418045

**Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor:**

Hilary Higton 07495 060869

The Diocese of Worcester, All Saints DCC and St Godwald's DCC are all committed to promoting a Safer Church for everyone. We will seek to promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, protect those that are at risk of being abused, and respond well to those that have experienced abuse.

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](mailto:cmaund1@sky.com)