



ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



Prayer for the Week

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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 4th January 2025**. 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, January 25th at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month). **No Pizza Church in December!**

Fr DAVID LINGWOOD

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

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).

100 CLUB

A reminder to **100 Club Members** that the funds **are due** in for the beginning of the year.

We still have a few spare numbers so if anyone would like to join or would like more numbers, please contact Margaret Eurell-Dixon.

ALL SAINTS'

CHATTERY arrangements over **Christmas and New Year:**

On Wednesday 18th December the Chattery will celebrate Christmas with mince pies, etc.

There will be no Chattery meeting on Christmas Day or New Years Day.

After that meetings will be held weekly on **Wednesdays** in **All Saints' Church Hall** from **2.00 to 3.30 pm**.

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

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)

2nd 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.

3rd Sunday of the month: 10.30am Lay-Led Service-only Hymns.

4th Sunday of the month: 10.30am Holy Communion-Mass Setting, Anthem and Hymns.

5th 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.

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' MISSION STALL

There will be a Mission Stall in the hall after the 10.30 service on **Sunday 12th January**. Please bring along anything surplus you have.

Any profits will go to USPG which supports church activities and churches in need throughout the developing world.

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.

ST GODWALD'S

MONDAY 16th 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Please note that the next walk is on 14th January 2025 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 Services 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 20th December 2024 10.00 am** until 12 noon.

No charge but donations always very welcome.



ST GODWALDS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

The Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn after the Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 15th December. Tickets for the Raffle are still available!



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.

WORKING PARTIES at ST GODWALD'S CHURCHYARD.

Please come and help to clear the leaves in the churchyard on **Saturday 14th December** from **10.00am to Midday**, weather permitting!

Bring rakes, large bags - and leaf blowers if available.

Many thanks. Norman.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Trevor Betteridge, Margaret Woodgates, Rhoda, 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.

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

2nd Sunday: 9.00am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Joint Holy Communion CW at All Saints'

3rd Sunday: 8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints.
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10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints'.

4th Sunday: 9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
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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

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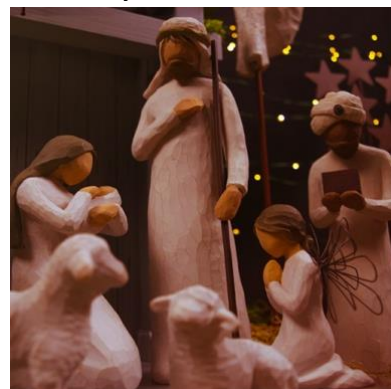
Tuesday 24th December: CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00 pm St Godwald's: Crib and Christingle Service led by Kerstin
MacDonald

3.30 pm All Saints': Crib and Christingle Service
led by Rosemary Sumner

11.30 pm St Godwald's: Midnight Communion
led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

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Wednesday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 am St Godwald's: Morning Worship for Christmas Day led
by Janet Hewer

Sunday 29th December: Christmas 1

10.00 am St Godwald's: TEAM SERVICE – Holy Communion led by Rev'd Ann Cogle



Saltmine Theatre Company presents

**Jack
and the
Beanstalk**

Friday 20th and Saturday 21st 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 1st November 2024

CONTACT DETAILS:

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.

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

SAFEGUARDING

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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