



**ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S
SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025**



Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

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Next Week's Services:

Saturday 13th December:

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5.00 pm St Godwald's: Carols by Candlelight

CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Alan and Andrea are inviting everyone in the Team to drop in for our Open House at the Rectory on **Saturday 20th December 2.00pm-6.00pm**. Pop in for a half hour to meet others in the team and wish everyone a Merry Christmas over a glass of mulled wine and some nibbles.



JOINT CHURCHES TOGETHER



Carol Singing - on Sat December 20th at 10.30am in the **Town Centre near Coffee No 1** - come along and bring your voices to support this event. For further information please contact Hilda Roxborough at St Johns. If anyone can bring any tubs of chocolate to give out alongside to the shoppers that would be brilliant!

SOUL AND SENSES SERVICE December 6th 2025

We are sorry to announce that, due to a double booking at All Saints' on **Saturday 6th December**, we shall not be able to have our planned Soul & Senses service on that evening.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to reschedule during December and so we will begin again in the New Year. Dates will be advertised as soon as they have been finalised, so do keep looking at the Newsletter.

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 31st 2026 at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).



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).

ST GODWALD'S

TOTWALDS – MONDAY

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 9th December 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 cafés will be **Friday 5th December and Friday 19th December 2025**
10.00 am until 12.30 pm.

No charge but donations always very welcome.



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.



Thank you very much for your continued support of the Community Café and Ramble Group; the fellowship and fundraising are instrumental in raising money for St Basils and other charities.

CHURCH CLEANING at ST GODWALD'S

Our next session of communal church cleaning (mainly dusting and Hoovering) will be on **Friday 14th December from 10.00 – 11.00 am**, joining with

Coffee and Company in the Ruth Heald Room afterwards.

All Welcome – Many hands make light work!

COFFEE AND COMPANY

We are trialling an additional Friday morning get-together on the weeks when the Community Café is not running. The next session is on **Friday 14th December from 10.00 – 12.00**.

This is a space for chat, hot drinks and biscuits, with table games for those who are interested. **All welcome!**

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE – SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER 2025

There will not be a (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion Service at St. Godwald's on Sunday 28th December 2025 at 9.00am.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 10.30am 4th Sunday of the Month

It has been agreed by the DCC that the Morning Worship Service held on the 4th Sunday of the Month at 10.30am will be **held in the Ruth Heald Room** for the months of December, January, February and March.

DKMS (German based blood cancer donor screening scheme)

As you might have seen on Midlands Today and in the local press, this was carried out last Sunday in St Godwald's Church Hall and proved to be very successful being very well supported. Anyone eligible who was not able to attend Sunday but would like to be involved can apply for a test pack on line at dkms.org.uk.

ALL SAINTS'

CHATTERY

Meetings are 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 Sue Thompson on 01527 836142.

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

POSTAGE STAMPS USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE RNIB

(Royal National Institute of Blind People)

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to all who continue to donate stamps for this Appeal. Stamps can be brought to church during any of our services, there is a box on the table at the back, or to the Parish Office, during opening hours.

There is no cost to the church for sending these to the RNIB. Gill Gould (All Saints on 07824368584).



THANK YOU AGAIN AND PLEASE DO KEEP COLLECTING THEM 😊

THE BASEMENT PROJECT

Please remember to keep supporting the Basement Project.

More information at

www.basementproject.org.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Lickey End First School and The Oakville Singers present an evening of Christmas music on **Friday 12th December at 7.00 pm** at **All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove.**

£5.00 to include refreshments – tickets available on the door on the night.

MORNING WORSHIP

There will be no Morning Worship at All Saints' on SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER.

However, there will be a service of 9 Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm that evening at All Saints' Church.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The bazaar raised a good **£940** with possibly a little more to come.

Many thanks to everyone who helped, and to all who came to buy. It was a very happy and sociable day.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Margaret Woodgates, Rhoda, Betty Daly and Pat Archer.

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.

The new Christian Union at North Bromsgrove High

School starting on the 10th November.

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

DATES for your DIARIES

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Friday 19th December

10.00 am St. Godwald's (Ruth Heald Room): Community Café

Christmas Carols and Mince Pies led by Rev'd Ann Cogle.

7.00 pm Finstall Village Hall: Finstall Parish Council Community Carols

Sunday 21st December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Dr Alan Conant and Kerstin MacDonald.

No All Saints': Morning Worship

6.00 pm All Saints': 9 Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

3.00 pm St Godwald's: Crib and Christingle Service led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

3.00 pm All Saints': Christingle Service led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant

11.30 pm St Godwald's: Midnight Eucharist led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant

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Thursday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am St Godwald's: Holy Communion led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion

Saturday 27th December

5.00 pm St Godwald's: Pizza Church – NO PIZZA CHURCH!

Sunday 28th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

9.00am – There will be no 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service

10.30 am St Godwald's: Morning Worship led by Jan & Norman Hewer and Caroline Spencer (to be held in the **Ruth Heald Room**)

CONTACT DETAILS:



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Alan's day off is Friday.

Lauren Jones – Parish Administrator

(For all enquiries including the booking of
Church Halls)

St Godwald's Office: 01527 577759

pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com

Please scan below to check the Parish Office
opening hours for this week:



For funerals, please contact **Irene Caswell-Berwick - Parish
Administrator:**

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st.johns.bromsgrove@gmail.com

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

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 the **next Newsletter** from either St Godwald's or All Saints' **by 12 noon on Tuesday,**

Thank you, Catherine Maund: cmaund1@sky.com