

ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S
SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2026
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.

Saturday 28th November:
5.00 pm St Godwald's: Pizza Church

Sunday 29th November: The First Sunday of Advent
10.45 am St John's Bromsgrove: TEAM SERVICE of Holy Communion (CW)

Next Week's Services:
Saturday 5th December:
3.00 pm St Godwald's: Ramblers' Carol Service led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

Sunday 6th December: The Second Sunday of Advent
8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.
10.30 am St Godwald's: Joint Holy Communion (CW) with **All Saints'** led by Rev'd Ann Cogle.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

Work is being done to try to find out how best to communicate both individual church news and parish wide news.

We would be grateful if you could spend 2 minutes completing a short survey.

There are separate surveys for All Saints and St Godwalds. Thank you in advance.

SOUL AND SENSES SERVICE

This is a Service at **All Saints' Church**, usually held on the **SECOND SATURDAY of each month** at **5.00pm** and lasts around 40 minutes and includes reflective prayer, music and poetry.

The next service will be on **SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER at 5.00 pm**.

Please come and join us in wondering and exploring what God is saying to and with us. All are very welcome for a time of quiet and reflection.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Emilia, Rhoda, Pat Archer, Tim Pinfield, Jan Hewer, Meriam Elliott and Chem and Nikki Rai.

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 Christian Union at North Bromsgrove High School.Please include our schools – First, Middle and High – in our prayers.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Box Collection.

The Children's Society

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).

ALL SAINTS'

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.

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

ALL SAINTS' MAGAZINE ARCHIVE: Help us fill the gaps!

All Saints' magazine archive helps document the church's history. The archive is very comprehensive between the late 1800s and the mid-1950s, but more patchy during the second half of the 20th century. We are looking into binding (and possibly digitising) the archive from 1950 to when it concludes in the mid-2010s both for preservation and to allow easier access to the material.
We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who has copies of any of the magazines published between 1965 and 1989 inclusive. If you have any magazines in this 25 year window, please contact Sarah or Steve Bull (07762 614 551 or Sabull2001@aol.com).

THE BASEMENT PROJECT

Please remember to keep supporting the Basement Project.
More information at
www.basementproject.org.

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. Gill Richards (All Saints on 07824368584).

THANK YOU AGAIN AND PLEASE DO KEEP COLLECTING THEM 😊

ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS
THIS SATURDAY
28th NOVEMBER 2.00PM – 4.00PM



THIS SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER is the traditional **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** at All Saints' Church Hall. It's a great opportunity to get ahead with your Christmas shopping in a fun and festive atmosphere. The stalls include - Tombola & Raffle, Bottle stall, White Elephant & Fancy Goods. Books & Jigsaw Puzzles, Name the Teddy, Christmas Snowball game, Cake Stall, Festive refreshments and more.

We look forward to seeing you all there!!

ST GODWALD'S

TOTWALDS

Totwalds is our worship time in church for 0-5 year-olds and their parents/carers, with Bible storytelling, songs and an activity. Everyone is welcome at **9.30am each Monday morning**.

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 **Fridays 4th and 18th December 2026 10.00 am until 12.30 pm.**

No charge but donations always very welcome.



COFFEE AND COMPANY

On alternate Friday mornings when the Community Cafe is not running, we have **Coffee and Company**. This is a space for chat, hot drinks and biscuits.

The next sessions are Fridays 27th November and 11th December from 10.00 – 12.00

All welcome!

TUESDAY STROLLERS GROUP meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

The next walks are on **24th November and 8th December 2026 at 10.00 am** starting from the Ruth Heald Room and returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

ST GODWALD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL FOR ST BASIL'S

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

Every year, Judith Rowe and Emma Morris put together Christmas gift bags for the young people at our local branch of St Basil's, funded by contributions from the Community Café and Strollers Group.

This year we would like to expand that work, by encouraging you to put together one or more gift bags (or shoe boxes), following the guidelines below. These will be delivered to another branch of St Basil's in the West Midlands.

To make sure the gifts are as fair and equal as possible, please choose one gift from each of the five categories. St Basil's also ask that you kindly leave the gift bag or box easy to open, so the contents can be quickly checked before distribution.



Please bring your gifts to church by Sunday 6th December at the latest.

FRIENDS OF ST GODWALD 'SKIFFLE & CHIP' EVENING

The Executive Committee of The Friends of St Godwald would like to say a huge **'thank you'** to all who supported the 'Skiffle & Chip' Evening in any way last Saturday evening which raised £300.

The '65 Special' Group provided the audience with a wonderful evening of music and singing, this coupled with all having Fish & Chips to start the evening off.

ST GODWALD'S and ALL SAINTS' SERVICES for DECEMBER:

Saturday 5th December:
3.00 pm St Godwald's: Ramblers' Carol Service led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

Sunday 6th December: The Second Sunday of Advent
8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.
10.30 am St Godwald's: Joint Holy Communion (CW) with **All Saints'** led by Rev'd Ann Cogle.

Saturday 12th December:
4.00 pm St Godwald's: Primrose Hospice 'Lights of Love' Service led by Revd. Ann Cogle

Sunday 13th December: The Third Sunday of Advent
9.00 am 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 Debra Buckley
5.00 pm St Godwald's: Candlelit Carols led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant

Sunday 20th 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 Ann Cogle
There will be no Morning Worship at All Saints'
6.00 pm All Saints': Service of Nine Lessons and Carols led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant

Thursday 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
11.30 pm All Saints': Midnight Eucharist led by Rev'd Debra Buckley

Friday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY
9.30 am St Godwald's: : Joint Holy Communion (CW) with **All Saints'** led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

Saturday 26th December
5.00 pm St Godwald's: Pizza Church – NO PIZZA CHURCH!

Sunday 27th December: The First Sunday of Christmas
10.45 am St John's Bromsgrove: Joint service of Holy Communion led by Rev'd Ray Khan
There will be no service at St Godwald's and All Saints'

CONTACT DETAILS:



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Alan's day off is Friday.

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pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com
Please scan to check the Parish Office opening hours for this week:

For funerals, please contact **Irene Caswell-Berwick - Parish Administrator**:
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St Godwald's Church Wardens:
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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 the **next Newsletter** from either St Godwald's or All Saints' **by 12 noon on a Tuesday,**
Thank you, Catherine Maund: cmaund1@sky.com