

# All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

19th January 2020:

**2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

(3rd Sunday of the month, Year A)

**A warm welcome to all.**

**We have an audio loop** around the church. If you wish to use it, please set your hearing aid to the correct setting.

**Please tell us if you need a LARGE PRINT VERSION of the Newsletter.**

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 19th January

8.00 am Said Communion  
10.15 am Morning Worship

### Wednesday 22nd January

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterry  
in the Church Hall

### Friday 24th January

7.00 pm Choir practice

## NEXT WEEK

### Sunday 26th January

10.15 am Sung Communion

### Wednesday 29th January

2.00-3.30 pm The Chatterry  
in the Church Hall

### Friday 31st January

7.00 pm Choir practice.

## Committees

All Saints' DCC ..... Tuesday 17th March at 7.30 pm in the Vestry.  
Bromsgrove PCC . . . . . Tuesday 21st April at 7.30 pm at All Saints' Church.  
Buildings  
& Finance Committee . . . Wednesday 12th February 3.30 pm in the Vestry.  
Worship Committee ..... Tuesday 11th February at 1.00 pm at 12 Chapel Street.  
Mission and Pastoral  
Committee ..... Wednesday 29th January 3.30 pm in the Hall.

**Please take this Newsletter and the Bible reading sheet home for reference.**

**A prayer for use daily this week:**

*Jesus, you alone are above all things*

*and in you all things hold together.*

*In you I find my peace, my hope, my joy.*

*When my eyes grow dim*

*and my life gets cluttered by other things, restore my vision.*

*Remind me that you are bigger*

*than all the 'stuff' my life feels made of,*

*and that I can depend on you. Thank you, Lord. Amen.*

**Today Sunday 19th January: 4.00 pm at Catshill Baptist Church, Milton Road, off Barley Mow Lane: Churches Together in Bromsgrove United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** The theme is Unusual Kindness.

The Mission Stall last week raised £40, and some items were sent to the Basement Project. Others were stored for the next bazaar! Thank you to everyone for your support.

**Cleaning & tidying church:** 2.00 pm Tuesday 28th January.

**Tuesday 4th February, 2.00 to 4.30 pm at the Catshill Social Club: an important diocesan meeting about the need to restructure paid ministry to meet budget targets.** Please make every effort to attend.

**The Bromsgrove Parish's Mission activities:** PCC & DCC members are invited to attend a discussion meeting at St John's Church Hall on Sat 8th February from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. Each Council member please bring another congregation member with you to join in the discussion.

The Five Marks of Mission will be relevant to our discussion:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
- To respond to human need by loving service.
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

**Preparing for Sunday worship:** For the 5 minutes before the 10.15 am service Julian plays quiet music. It is helpful if people are quiet at this time so that everyone may prepare for the service peacefully.

**Games Evening at St. Godwald's Church Hall,** Saturday 1st February at 7.00 pm. Tickets £7 to include evening meal (choice of fish and chips or an alternative). Bring your own drinks. Tickets from David on 01527 873831 or by email at [revdavidford@googlemail.com](mailto:revdavidford@googlemail.com)

**New Year Message from Christian Aid's Chief Executive**

The start of a New Year is a perfect time to look ahead. This year is a significant one for Christian Aid. As we enter our 75th year, we are grateful for the steadfast support of individuals (and churches) like you who give, act and pray.

This year, we will prioritise raising awareness of the impact and consequences of climate change on the world's poorest communities. It is an outrage that those who have contributed least to the climate emergency are suffering most, losing food, crops, livestock and shelter and at times displaced, ignored and forgotten.

I have seen this, from Malawi to Kenya to Bangladesh. But I have also seen hope in the eyes of women, men and children in these communities. This fuels my belief as Christian Aid's Chief Executive, that together we can stop climate change.

As Christians we believe we are bound together as the global family of God; we believe that this time to stand together for the flourishing of humanity. We hope that in the coming months and year, as people who have walked with us to achieve some of the most amazing successes in fighting poverty, you will join us in rising up to the global challenge of climate change. With every blessing. Amanda (Christian Aid)

**Bromsgrove Parish web-site:**  
**<https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/>**

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David's usual day off is from 5pm Thursday until Friday evening.

**For enquiries about baptisms, banns of marriage and weddings at All Saints**, please visit the church during a **Vestry Time on the *first Tuesday evening in the month*** between 6.30 and 8.00 pm. The next vestry time is Tuesday 4th February 2020.  
Baptisms may be booked for 12 noon on 2nd Sundays in most months.

**If you have any difficulty, or for any other enquiries**, contact  
the Bromsgrove Parish Assistant, Heather Evans, 01527 577759,  
or [pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com](mailto:pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com)  
Heather's hours are 11 - 2 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Our Churchwardens are:**  
Sue Ward 0121 453 3180 and Sue Bryant 01527 835728

**To book All Saints' Church Hall for an event:** Please phone  
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Please let Tessa have any items for  
Sunday's Newsletter at the latest by  
Wednesday midday.



## **Lent Discussion Course 2020**

*Everyone is welcome Please sign up on the list at the back of the church if you are interested so that the correct number of Course Booklets can be ordered.*

The course will be based on the latest York Course, called **Superstar**, using booklets which cost £3.80 as well as tapes.

The tentative arrangements are:

Meetings on Thursdays from 2.00 to 3.30 pm in the Vestry.

The programme is

27th February: Who is Jesus?

5th March: Miracles.

12th March: The Psalms.

26th March: The Church.

2nd April: The Cross.

The text and tapes are prepared by a team of clergy and theologians from a range of denominations. Most people find the York courses very worthwhile.

The meetings will be led by Rosemary Sumner, assisted by Tessa Carrick.

Alternatively, if you would like to follow a Lent Course on your own, Tessa has booklets from USPG **Living with a World of Difference**.

## **2020 Adult Confirmation Course:**

### **Stepping out of the Boat - together**

There will be an adult confirmation group taking place between now and Easter.

*Note for everyone:* Whilst the course is being organised primarily for the benefit of adults not yet confirmed (or baptised), it is open to anyone who wishes to enjoy and benefit from a reminder of the basics of our faith and church.

There are six sessions on Saturday afternoons at 2.00 pm, lasting for 90 minutes. Each session will take a particular topic and begin to explore it together.

Actually to be confirmed, you must attend 5 of the 6 sessions. The venue is to be arranged.

Week 1 - January 25th The Trinity: God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit - 3 ways of knowing God.

Week 2 - February 8th The Bible: The story of God's relationship with the world.

Week 3 - February 22 Prayer and spirituality: How to listen to God and how God listens to us.

Week 4 - March 7th Worship in church and the world.

Week 5 - March 21st The Church, Sacraments, History and Tradition.

Week 6 - April 4th The Christian Life and preparing for the Confirmation Service.

**TO SIGN UP FOR THIS COURSE PLEASE SPEAK TO  
REV. DAVID FORD DIRECT OR BY TELEPHONE.**

## WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

- An opportunity to declare publicly your faith in God and your commitment to try to live as a disciple of Jesus.
- Another step on your faith journey.
- By being confirmed you will be able to receive Holy Communion.

## WHAT IS A CONFIRMATION COURSE?

An opportunity to explore your faith with others in a safe place.

## DO I NEED TO ATTEND EVERY WEEK?

There are six sessions and a rehearsal before the service. You need to attend a minimum of five sessions (one of which must be the final session) and the rehearsal.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO EACH SESSION?

Nothing but yourself, an open mind and heart and lots of questions. If needed Bibles will be provided.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT A CONFIRMATION SERVICE?

- Confirmation candidates affirm their faith in the baptismal promises that were originally made on your behalf by parents and godparents at your baptism.
- The Bishop lays his hands on your head and we pray that you will receive the power of the holy Spirit to live in accordance with God's will for you.

## WHEN IS THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE?

We are hoping for a Confirmation Service at All Saints but if this isn't possible then we will be attending the Confirmation Service at the Cathedral on Easter Eve, Saturday 11th April.

## DO I NEED TO WEAR SPECIAL CLOTHES?

Wear what you normally wear to go to church.

## WILL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY BE ABLE TO ATTEND?

I hope you will be supported by as many of your friends and family as can come on the day!

**Grave Talk: a café event to talk about  
death, dying and funerals.**

It's not always easy talking about the end of life questions that we all have. This Grave Talk coffee morning will offer a safe and supportive way to begin those conversations amongst friends, sitting informally at coffee tables. Thought provoking question cards will spark gentle conversation in small groups over refreshments.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am-11.30am** in the Ruth Heald Room, St Godwald's Church, Finstall Road. *Please join us – all are very welcome.*

For more information, contact Revd David Ford who will facilitate the morning : 01527 873831 or by email at [revdavidford@googlemail.com](mailto:revdavidford@googlemail.com)

**Dates to put in your diary**

*Tues 4th February* 2.00-4.30 pm at Catshill Social Club:

Diocesan discussion about restructuring paid ministry.

*Sat 8th February* 10.00 -1.00 am in St John's Church Hall:

Discussion of the Parish Mission.

*Tues 25th February* 10.30 -12 noon. Pancakes and coffee at 12 Chapel Street.

*Sat 7th March* 10.00 -11.30 am. Grave Talk in Ruth Heald Room, St. Godwald's Church.

*Sat 28th March.* Evening. Barnt Green Choral Society.

*Sun 29th March:* 10.00 am Team Service at St Godwald's.

*Thurs 2nd April:* Thursday Opening of Church begins.

*Sun 5th April:* 12 noon Annual District Church Meeting. Nibbles available.

*Sun 19th April:* 10.00 am Team service at Dodford Church.

*Tues 28th April.* 7.30 pm Annual Parish Church Meeting at All Saints' Church.

*Sat 12th September* 10.00-4.00 pm Ride and Stride and Heritage Opening of the Church.

*Sat 26th September.* Come and Sing.

*Sat 5th December:* Christmas Bazaar. 2.00-4.00 pm.