

All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove

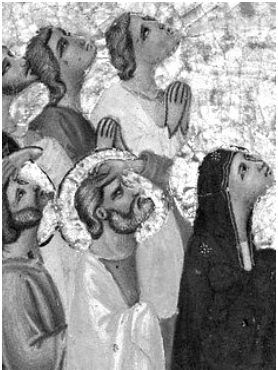
24th May 2020: 7th Sunday of Easter

Celebrating the Ascension

How to join the Communion service at 10.30 on 24th May

If you are using a computer or tablet

To participate in the service it is best to install the Zoom application well before the service. If you have not been on Zoom before you can enter using <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353968719>



1. Just before the service open Zoom.
2. Click on 'Join Meeting'
3. Then enter the details below:

Meeting ID: 873 5396 8719

Password: None required

You will be asked whether you want to use a camera and a microphone. If you don't want to be heard at any time use the "mute" button.

If you are using a phone:

You can listen in by telephone using one of these numbers:

0203 051 2874

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196

If you don't succeed, try one of the other numbers.

You will be asked to enter the Meeting ID & password:

ID 873 5396 8719 Password None required

To follow the service you will need the Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion and the Readings Sheet. You may like to have some bread and wine ready so you are able to join in the Communion. The sermon will be sent out after the service.

David has also prepared a Pastoral letter.

Please keep this Newsletter and the Bible reading sheet for reference.

A prayer for use throughout this week:

*Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We also remember all who are sick and all who have died recently and pray for their families and friends.

Prayer Requests – the list on the web site has been refreshed as it was growing quite long. Please let David know of any names to be added. https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer_requests.aspx

As lockdown continues, at least for many of us, don't forget: keep in touch with your friends, neighbours and family. A telephone call can cheer someone up and revive their good spirits!

Margaret Wheeler sends thanks for all the good wishes she received for her 95th birthday. It made her day special.

Please keep up your regular Stewardship donations to the Church:

While we are in lockdown, the church still needs our regular donations.

If you can arrange for your donations to be made monthly on line and don't already do so, it would be wonderful. The Church Bank details:

Name of account: DCC of All Saints Bromsgrove

Sort code: 20 98 61

Account Number: 40429198

Quote as reference: your own name.

Alternatively you can go to the Bromsgrove Parish web-site and follow the links for All Saints/Giving or use

<https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/341559/Giving.aspx>

And follow the instructions using your Bank Card securely.

If you do not want to pay in this way: If you usually place your donations on the collection plate, please keep your weekly amounts until we return to the church. At the moment, it is best not to send anything by post or to try to deliver the money directly to anyone.

Mike Carrick's email address has changed: His new address is mikecarrick34@gmail.com

All Saints' Donations to the Basement Food Bank

£487 has been donated so far by All Saints and friends.

How to donate: Just phone Mike Carrick on 01527 873135 saying how much you want to donate. He will send a donation from his own money for that amount and will reclaim the amount from you when the lockdown is over.

HAVE YOU USED THE "SUPPORT BROMSGROVE" WEB-SITE?

You can use the web-site to volunteer to help others or to seek help for yourself, perhaps some shopping or collection of medicines.

Go to: <https://supportbromsgrove.com/i-need-help-or-advice/> or telephone 01527 306490. Tessa used this service to collect prescriptions. She was very impressed and grateful for their help.

On Line Quiz Thank you to Heather and David for arranging the VE Day Quiz (on 23rd May).

Why Not Join the Growing Group of Knitters?

Quite a few people are now knitting dolls and teddies, hats or scarfs. If you would like a pattern for toys please get in touch with Mike Carrick. The items can be used for the Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal in the autumn or to sell at All Saints' Christmas Bazaar.

Mike's contacts are: 01527 873135 or 0789 4351 306;
email: mikecarrick34@gmail.com

A Church Survey: Coronavirus, the church—and YOU

David hopes that many of the congregation will look at and complete the survey on line, using a computer, a tablet or even your phone. The web-site is tinyurl.com/ycsq9fy2. It looks at your experience of the church during lockdown. In the *Church Times*, Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester and former Bishop of Dudley, urges people to take part. The survey takes about 20-30 minutes.

The on-line Bible Study meets on Zoom on Thursday mornings, 11am to 12 noon. Each week we take a passage from the gospel of Luke. Anyone is welcome to join and contribute.

Joining instructions are:

Either Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86518251669>

Or Telephone: 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196.

Then insert Meeting ID: 865 1825 1669; no password is needed.

David's blog is <https://frombehindthepillar.blogspot.com>

This is focused on ministry – the impact of COVID-19 on parish ministry and online worship and the future of the church.

Some useful links

- **BBC Hereford & Worcester:** You can listen to Radio H & W on FM: 104, 104.4, 104.6, 94.7 and MW: 73.8, 584.
- **Wednesday Radio 3:** The regular broadcast of Choral Evensong is at 15:30 with a repeat on Sunday at 3.00 pm.
- **Sunday Radio 4:** The regular Sunday morning service follows the 8.00 am news at 8.10 am.
- **Sunday TV BBC1: The worship programme;**
10.45-11.15 am.
- **Sunday TV BBC1: Songs of Praise on :** 1.15 pm.



The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:

<https://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk/>

You can find all kinds of other information by exploring the web-site.

The Diocese of Worcester web-site is:

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk>

It includes much interesting information.

Bromsgrove Parish Friends WhatsApp group – To join the Parish Friends WhatsApp Group on your mobile phone:

(a) download WhatsApp onto any internet enabled device

(b) send a text or WhatsApp message to Clare Page 0794 026 625.

The Parish Friends Group is for us to keep in touch, fellowship, exchange pictures, chat, news and jokes.

Thanks you to the team who are delivering Newsletters and service information. Several people have said how grateful they are.

A news update on the ospreys in North Wales: The female laid 3 large eggs with red blotches on them. The first egg has hatched and the other are expected to hatch in the next 3 days. This the 17th year that the female, known as Mrs G, has laid 3 eggs at this same site. The male, Arun, will now keep her and the chicks supplied with fish. You can watch the ospreys on line by entering Glaslyn Wildlife Livestream.

Muslim friends will be celebrating Eid this weekend, the feasting at the end of the fast period of Ramadan

A poem written by Tessa's sister for her church women's group. It may appeal to the older women in our congregation!

Just Women by Jennifer Pooley

Owned by their fathers, no schooling, no rights,
Under a bushell all hiding their lights,
They were just women.

Given in marriage, pledged to obey,
Pleasing their husbands by night and by day,
They were just women.

A lifetime of drudgery, chained to the sink,
Doing their duty, not expected to think,
They were just women.

Or constrained by their corsets, decorative girls,
Playthings for gentlemen, with ringlets and curls,
They were just women.

Considered too small was the feminine brain
To have an opinion, say anything sane,
They were just women.

But at last came the vote and female franchise,
They started to blossom, their gifts to realise,
They were just women.

Along came the feminists fearless and brave,
Proving that women are nobody's slave,
They are just women.

Schooling and college and useful career,
We're good as the men-folk, never you fear,
We are just women.

Just Women, Just Women, just look at us now,
We're able, effective, strong-minded and how!
WE ARE JUST WOMEN.



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Bromsgrove, B60 2EA.

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

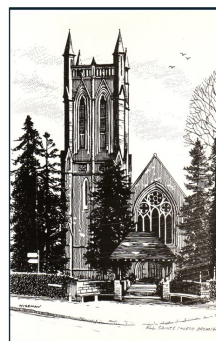
For enquiries about baptisms, banns of marriage and weddings at All Saints, please speak to the Church Wardens (see below).

Our Church Wardens are:

Sue Ward 0121 453 3180 and Sue Bryant 01527 835728

To book All Saints' Church Hall for an event: Please phone
Tony Turpin on 01527 876659.

All Saints' Organist Julian Manchee's contacts are 01299 827866
and 07585 273957; email: julian.manchee@gmail.com



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by Wednesday lunch-time. Thank you.

