

All Saints Church, Bromsgrove
15th November 2020
2nd Sunday before Advent

Sunday 15th November

You will need the Communion Service sheets (originally sent out for 1st November), Hymns for this Sunday and the Readings Sheet for this Sunday.

You may take part on Zoom using

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2474115267>

Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

If you don't have a computer or a tablet you can use a phone to join the Zoom services. 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.

Use the ID code: 247 411 5267

4.00 pm Iona Evening Prayer on Zoom

You will need the Iona Evening Prayer Service.

The arrangements for accessing this Zoom service are as above.

Bromsgrove Prayer Diary: During the pandemic the monthly Parish prayer diary has become a regular feature of our life together and we remain very grateful to Geoff Westwood for putting this together each month.

From December, the diary will include a list of names of people for whom prayer has been requested. If you would like someone included (and have their permission to do so) please send details to Geoff Westwood (geoff.westwood@hotmail.co.uk) by the 21st of each month. Each name will then be included for the following month only. Thank you.

Keeping in touch with each other: Please keep on phoning other church people and your friends during lockdown.



Services in November

(All November 10.30 am and 4.00 pm services will be on Zoom only. The service sheets will be circulated to everyone so that those unable to access Zoom may read through the services themselves.)

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King: Sunday before Advent

10.30 am Holy Communion Revd David Ford

4 pm Compline (Zoom): Revd David Ford

Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday

10.30am Worship for Advent Sunday on Zoom

Joyce Carter RIP: Joyce's funeral will be at the Worcester Crematorium, Tintern Avenue, Worcester, WR3 8HA, on Tuesday 24th November. Donations in Joyce's memory may be made to the Diabetes and Wellness Foundation and sent to the Funeral Director A. V. Band, 1 Malvern Road, St John's, Worcester WR2 4LE.

Returning Children's Society boxes: It is the time of year for Boxes to be emptied. Boxes may be left in Church on Mondays between 11.00 and 12 noon or can be collected by Helen Waller by appointment. Please phone Helen on 01527 875521. ***This year there will be no Christingle Service which usually raises hundreds of pounds for the Children's Society. You may like to put a little extra in your box to help make up our donations from All Saints.***

Churches Open for Private Prayer during November

All Saints' Church will open from 11.00 am to 12 noon on Mondays, starting on 9th November.

St. Godwald's will open on Fridays from 2.00 - 3.00 pm, beginning on 13th November.

St John's will open on Saturdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Worcester Cathedral will be open from 11.00 to 1.00 pm on weekdays until 3rd December.



A prayer for this week:

God, you have given life and talent to each of us for our own good and for the benefit of others. Help us to use and share the gifts you have given us that we may live to your glory. Amen.



Prayer Requests – We are keeping the prayer list up to date. Please let Rev. David Ford know of any names to be added. To find the list see: https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer_requests.aspx
This list can be used during intercessions.

Volunteers for reading and prayers during services

Please tell David if you could read or lead prayers for any services.

Helping others at Christmas:

Supporting the lonely and vulnerable

A partnership of church, community and statutory groups has joined together in Bromsgrove to ensure the most vulnerable are remembered this Christmas. The core of this initiative will be the delivery of Hampers (with **children's** gifts where appropriate) to vulnerable households on the 12/13 December and the delivery of a hot Christmas meal on Saturday 19th December. There are also plans to deliver small gifts to the most isolated on Christmas Day itself. For all of this to be possible, we need volunteers to make up the Hampers, cook the food, wrap presents and act as delivery drivers.

- If you would like to be involved, please let David Ford know so he can collate names and pass them to the central organisers.
- We also need to know the names and addresses of the most vulnerable and isolated. Who do you know who will be in financial need or on their own over Christmas? Please, make a list and send the details to David.
- If you want to help by making a donation, please see “Crowdfunding” on the next page.

Green Homes Voucher Scheme

The Green Homes Voucher Scheme opened on 30th September 2020 and is a government scheme which can be accessed via the Simple Energy Advice website (this site also includes more information):

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

The government will provide a voucher that covers up to two thirds of the cost of qualifying improvements installing energy efficient or low energy improvements to your home. The maximum value of the voucher is £5,000. You may be able to receive a higher level of subsidy if you are a homeowner and either you or a member of your household receives one of the qualifying benefits, covering 100% of the cost of the improvements. The maximum value of these vouchers is £10,000. Private rented properties cannot receive the ‘low income’ vouchers up to £10,000. The deadline for works to be completed is March 31st 2021. Anyone needing help and guidance about this government scheme can contact the council’s energy advice service, delivered by YES Energy Solution

<https://www.yesenergysolutions.co.uk/schemes/bromsgrove-and-redditch-energy-advice-service>



CROWDFUNDING FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR FAMILIES IN DIFFICULTY

To support Bromsgrove families at this difficult time a GoFundMe web-page has been set up through the Hub (based at the Baptist Church). The money raised will be used to support families locally to buy Christmas presents for the children this year.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/community-christmas-bromsgrove>

If you could share this with your contacts who may be willing to donate it would be great.

I have tried this web-page and it works!

The On-line Bible Study meets on Zoom on Thursday mornings, 11am to 12 noon. At present the Group is looking at the Acts of the Apostles.

Everyone is welcome to join in and contribute.

On 12th November the group will be looking at Acts Chapter 10.

The zoom joining instructions are:

New Meeting ID 869 8810 2960 Password ix7235



Stewardship donations to the Church: The church needs our regular donations very much during Covid-19, especially as we have little income from letting the church hall.

If you are unable to pay through the Bank:

As regards the donations that you have been saving, arrangements can be made to collect them from your home. Please get in touch with Rev. David Ford (01527 873831) or churchwarden Sue Bryant (01527 835728).

Those who use the Bank for giving, please continue to do so. If you can arrange a standing order for your donations to be made monthly and don't already do so, it would be helpful. The Church Barclays Bank account details are:

Name of account: DCC of All Saints Bromsgrove

Sort code: 20 98 61 **Account Number:** 40429198

When asked for a reference, quote your own name.

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

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

Follow instructions using your Bank Card securely.

Or this QR code for All Saints can be scanned with a mobile phone. It will take you straight to the giving page for All Saints' on the web site.



A message from the organisers of help for the asylum seekers

Hello lovely people! When we started this asylum seeker support group I think most of us assumed the asylum seekers would be at the hotel for just a few months whilst Covid was sorted of course that has not happened and realistically it's not going to be safe for them to return to detention centres or other accommodation for the foreseeable future. Many of our asylum seekers would like to learn English and there is the possibility of setting up some external (covid-compliant) classes in conjunction with our friends at BRWR (Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees) who are already doing something similar for settled refugees. We are looking for a volunteer to take on co-ordinating this in partnership with BRWR. It will be a very rewarding task. Thank you....

A retired teacher might find this opportunity to help interesting and worthwhile. If you might be able to help with organisation or some of the teaching, please let David know.

All Saints' Donations to The Basement Food Bank. The number of unemployed is increasing: many people are finding their income

reduced. Food banks like the Basement Project are preparing more and more food parcels. Since March we have collected a total of **£1382** from All Saints and friends, through Mike. In addition other money has been sent directly. Thank you all for the support for this effort. *How to donate:* Just phone Mike Carrick on 01527 873135 or email him on mikecarrick34@gmail.com, saying how much you want to donate. He can send a donation from his own money for that amount and will reclaim the amount from you when convenient. Or, send a cheque now to M.E.Carrick, 45 Brook Court, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1AD.

Calling all Families! The Diocese of Worcester has launched a new series of weekly bible-based resources for children and families. Each week, centred around a particular bible passage, there are prayers, activities and games for you to explore with your children. Follow this link: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources/>





USPG Prayer Diaries can be downloaded from the web using:

<https://www.uspg.org.uk/engage/pray/>

The USPG Magazine Koinonia can be downloaded using:

<https://www.uspg.org.uk/engage/resources/koinonia/>

Religious broadcasts each week

- **BBC Hereford & Worcester:** You can listen to Radio H & W on FM: 94.7, 104, 104.4, or 104.6, 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 Worship service at 8.10 am.
- **Sunday TV BBC1: Sunday Morning Live:** an exploration of ethical and religious issues. 10.30-11.30 am
- **Sunday TV BBC1: Songs of Praise** at 1.15 pm.

The Bromsgrove Parish web-site is:

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

You can find information by exploring the web-site.

The Diocese of Worcester web-site is:

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

You can find plenty of information here, too.

Clare's Bromsgrove Parish Friends WhatsApp group

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

- (a) download WhatsApp onto a phone or tablet.
- (b) send a text or WhatsApp message to Clare Page 0794 026 625.

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



Rector Rev. David Ford's address :

The Vicarage, 15 Finstall Rd,
Bromsgrove, B60 2EA.

His telephone is 01527 873831;
mobile: 07973 412625;

email: revdavidford@googlemail.com

David's day off is Thursday.

Our Church Wardens are:

Sue Bryant 01527 835728

Sue Ward 0121 453 3180

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

If you have any difficulty, or for any other enquiries, contact the Bromsgrove Parish Administrator, Heather Evans, 01527 577759, or pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com
Heather's hours are Wednesday. 9.30 am -1.30 pm.

To book All Saints' Church Hall for an event when it becomes possible again: Please phone Tony Turpin on 01527 876659.

All Saints' Organist Julian Manchee's contacts

are 01299 827866 and 07585 273957;

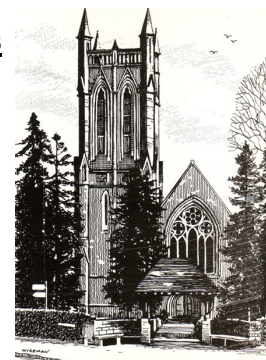
email: julian.manchee@gmail.com

Information for the Newsletter:

Please let me have any news or items for the next Newsletter by lunchtime on Tuesday. Thank you.

Tessa Carrick, telephone 01527 873135

or email tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk.



**Don't forget: Keep in touch with all your friends,
both inside and outside the church!**