

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th 2020
Advent 2

Alternative Collect for today:

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

TODAY'S SERVICES at St Godwald's Church

10.30am Holy Communion led by Revd Ford
(also on Zoom)

4.00 pm Taize Evening Prayer led by Janet Hewer
(Zoom)

Instructions for connecting online using Zoom

For morning services:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2474115267>
Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

For afternoon services:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2474115267>
Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

Use one of these numbers to connect to any service using your telephone only:

+44 203 481 5240
0203 901 7895
0131 460 1196
0203 051 2874
0203 481 5237

Please note

There are posters in both churches with **QR codes** to enable you to record your attendance automatically for **track and trace**.
It uses the new **NHS app**

Diocesan e-newsletter:

The Diocese issues a fortnightly newsletter by email containing lots of news and ideas for churchgoers.
To receive it go to the home page of the Diocese <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/>
scroll to the foot of the home page and insert your email address in the box provided (beneath Sign Up).

During ADVENT the BIBLE STUDY COFFEE MORNING will follow a four week Advent Course:

The York Course *Living in Hope* written by Catherine Fox.

The meetings will be on zoom

– **Thursdays 11am to 12 noon.**

Everyone is welcome so please join us for the **ADVENT COURSE** on the 26th November, 3rd, 10th and 17th December

The **JOINING INSTRUCTIONS** are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86988102960?pwd=WjgwSU1VMGJleWNjakN2c3c2ZmF3UT09>

Meeting ID: 869 8810 2960

Passcode: ix7235



We send our prayers to

The Revd Paula Honniball
at her Licensing as Associate Priest
by Martin, Bishop of Dudley
on Sunday, 6th December 4.00 pm
at St Michael & All Angels church
Stoke Heath

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Children's Society Boxes are due to be handed to Catherine Maund for emptying. The boxes can now be left in church or you can contact Catherine by phone to arrange for your box to be delivered to her or collected by her.

Many thanks.

Catherine's telephone no. is 01527 836909

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Due to the restrictions this year, just 13 boxes were assembled and dropped off on Saturday at a local collection point.

Many thanks to all those who contributed.

St Godwald's Church will re-open for weekday private prayer in April 2021.

THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

As you know, the financial impact of COVID-19 on the church is enormous. Please keep setting aside your weekly offerings. Ask for envelopes if this would help.

If you can make a one-off gift to the church at this time, or take out a standing order in favour of

St Godwald's, this would be very much appreciated.

Our bank details are:

NatWest, 124 High Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8HJ

Account Name: St Godwalds PCC

Sort Code: 60 04 05 Account No: 03326136

If asked, this is a business account. Thank you!

You can also use the **QR code** below to take you to the giving page for St Godwald's on the website:



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 pulling this together each month.

From December, the diary will also 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. Their name will then be included for the following month only.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Revd David Ford - Team Rector

Address: The Vicarage, 15 Finstall Road, Bromsgrove B60 2EA

Email: revdavidford@googlemail.com

Phone: 01527 873831 Mobile: 07973 412625

NB: David's days off are from 5.00 pm Wednesday until Thursday evening.

Heather Evans - our Parish Administrator

Heather's hours are 9.30am-1.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In order to provide Heather with a COVID19 safe environment, the parish office, Ruth Heald Room, toilets and kitchens at St Godwald's are now to be considered 'out of bounds' please.

Heather welcomes visitors but please arrange this in advance and all visitors must wear a face mask. Heather's email is

pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com

and the office telephone number is 577759.

CHRISTMAS SOIRÉE

Come and join in some Christmas fun and laughter at All Saints Church on Sunday 13th December at 3pm.

This service is for everyone from both All Saints and St Godwald's and will be a lighthearted lead up to Christmas, in a socially distanced way of course.

If you are looking for an opportunity to wear your Christmas jumpers and festive headgear look no further, wear them here!

Bring your family and friends (*while those in your household can sit with you, friends will have to socially distance*).

Pam Rosewarne

Christmas Eve Drop-in Nativity 3-5pm

St Godwald's Church and Church Hall will be transformed on Christmas Eve into the nativity story.

6 'scenes' will tell the story: Mary's House; The Journey to Bethlehem: The Inn; The Manger; Shepherds and Angels and finally, The Gift (Jesus).

Families will be invited to journey through the story moving from scene to scene. This is going to be a really ambitious and exciting COVID-friendly Christmas experience that people will remember for years.

To make it happen we need your help – especially in advance. Opposite there is a list of props we need organised by Scene. If you can offer any of these props please email one of us! Everything will be returned but, for obvious reasons, please name the items and do not lend your most precious belongings or something you need on Christmas Day! Secondly, we need help setting everything up on Tuesday 22nd December from 10am in church and hall. Just bring yourself willing to help to create one of the scenes with others. Let one of us know you are coming so that we have enough help. Finally, a few people are needed to help on Christmas Eve itself.

If you're free, please let us know.

Thank you!

Kerstin MacDonald

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Sally Brayshaw thebrashaws@yahoo.co.uk

David Ford revdavidford@googlemail.com

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/>

Christmas Eve Drop-in Nativity - props list

Mary's home

- *Speakers with Bluetooth connection
- *Gazebo
- *Table and chairs
- *Cooking bowls
- *Bread and fruit
- *fabric for dressing the scene

The journey

- *Gazebo
- *2 white flat sheets (for shadow art)
- *Cardboard for camel/palm trees/desert floor (children sized)
- *Large maps Nazareth to Bethlehem and UK map for equivalent distance

The Inn

- *Card board (the bigger the better)
- *wooden bench/stool or seat
- *wooden slats to create a sign

The Stable

- *4 wooden pallets
- *Manger/draining board
- *Fabric for dressing the scene
- *straw to cover floor
- *Fairy lights
- *large star

Shepherds/Angels

- *Gazebo
- *Blue backing paper (large rolls such as wrapping paper)
- *cardboard for sheep
- *star cut outs silver/yellow
- *fake grass
- *stand up lamps that light upwards for angel or fairy lights

The Gift

- *big plasterboard
- *fairy lights
- *coloured paper strips
- *large cardboard for art project
- *sanitizing wipes