

All Saints Church, Bromsgrove
20th December 2020
4th Sunday of Advent



8.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints

10.30 am Holy Communion at St Godwald's led by
Rev. David Ford. This service will be relayed **on Zoom**.

To follow the service on Zoom you will need the Service for Holy Communion in Advent and the "Red" Reading Sheet, both for 20th December. If you are joining on Zoom, you may like to have wine and bread available for the Communion.

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:

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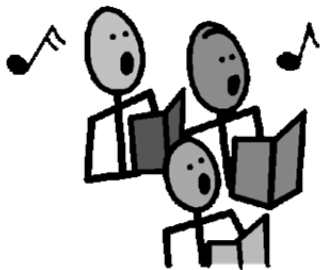
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If you don't succeed, try one of the other numbers.

Use the ID code: 247 411 5267

6.00 pm Nine Lessons and Carols at All Saints

The Carols will be sung by the Choir. Because of Covid-19 regulations the congregation is unable to sing.



Christmas and New Year Services
at All Saints and St Godwald's and on Zoom

(Don't forget to take your mask!)

Christmas Eve (Thursday 24th December)

3.00-5.00pm St Godwald's Drop-in Nativity (see page7)

11.30pm All Saints Midnight (also on zoom)

Christmas Day (Friday 25th December)

9.30am St Godwald's Holy Communion

(also on zoom)

Sunday 27th December Christmas 1

10.30am St Godwald's Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd January Christmas 2

8am All Saints Holy Communion

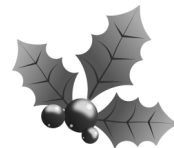
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4pm Zoom Taizé Service

Are you thinking of coming to church at Christmas?

You won't be alone! I am expecting more visitors to come to church this Christmas, in part because there is so little else people can do together that is 'Christmassy'. This means that due to limited capacity (with necessity for safe-distancing) at both churches due to the virus, it is possible that our churches will be full on Christmas Eve (All Saints, 11.30pm) and on Christmas Morning (St Godwald's, 9.30am). Unlike some local churches we are not issuing tickets or booking places. So there is no guarantee of a 'pew' this year; the only advice is to come early! If you do find you can't get in, remember that first Christmas family that had a similar experience! Thanks for your understanding.

David.



A prayer during Advent

This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart. Fill me with your presence from the very start. As I prepare for the holiday and the gifts to be given, remind me of the gift you gave - your son. The first Christmas gift, the greatest gift ever. You came as a baby born in a manger. Amen.



Marguerite Fearnley RIP: It is with great sadness that we report that Marguerite died last week. Marguerite was a faithful member of All Saints' 8.00 am congregation. She was one of the people who helped to knit the characters for the knitted nativity scene. Our sympathy goes to her family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Volunteers for reading and prayers during services

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

Requests for Prayers:

If you would like someone included on the Parish Prayer List (*and have their permission to do so*) please send details to Geoff Westwood geoff.westwood@hotmail.co.uk by the 21st of each month and also to Rev. David Ford. Each name will then be included for the following month only. We are keeping the prayer list up to date. To find the list see: https://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/Groups/338679/Prayer_requests.aspx
This list can be used by leaders of intercessions. Thank you.

All Saints opening for Private Prayer on Monday, 21st December:

All Saints' Church will open for Private Prayer from 11.00 am to 12 noon.

Masks must be worn and safe-distancing will be necessary.



Zoom services after Christmas:

Until now the broadcasting of services on zoom has depended entirely on David and Liz but with the purchase of two sets of 'kit', one for each church, this need no longer be the case.

From January to Easter we will have a settled pattern of worship with services in each church most weeks, sometimes at the same time. Each church can now broadcast its own services whenever it wishes, subject to: (1) the purchase of a second zoom account – as you can only broadcast one 'event' at a time, and (2) the availability of people willing to set up in church, and from home, admit people to zoom and share the service sheet on the screen. Sarah and Steve already take care of the technology in church at All Saints whenever they can and Tessa takes care of sharing the order of service for All Saints.

We need more volunteers at both churches. especially at St Godwald's, please, to learn how to do those tasks and we need someone at St Godwald's to take over Liz's role managing the service online (admitting/re-admitting people/muting/ introductions/ closing, etc). Tessa has arranged a second zoom account and will do Liz's role for All Saints. We also need more smartphones; David will continue to make his available for services when he is involved.

David is keen that we continue to offer the zoom facility throughout 2021 to ensure that our worship is available to as many as possible and especially those who cannot come to church. So please think and pray about whether you can become involved in 'zooming' whether you come to church or worship from home. Thank you!
David.

Stewardship donations to the Church: The church needs our regular donations very much during Covid-19.

If you are unable to pay through the Bank: Any donations that you have been saving, may be collected 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. 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.



Keeping in touch with each other:

Please keep phoning other church people and your friends over Christmas, especially if they will be on their own. A telephone conversation can help each of us through this difficult time.



All Saints' Donations to The Basement Food Bank. *The number of unemployed is rising: many people are finding their income reduced.* Food banks like the Basement Project are preparing more and more food parcels.

We have received a Thank you card from the Basement Project:

"Dear Mike, On behalf of the Basement Project I would like to say a huge thank you to yourself and everybody at All Saints Church for your support throughout both lockdowns and throughout the pandemic.



Kindest regards, Sarah." Sarah is the finance officer.

Since March we have collected a total of **£1737** from All Saints and friends, through Mike. In addition other money has been sent directly. Keep up the donations which we know are greatly appreciated!

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.

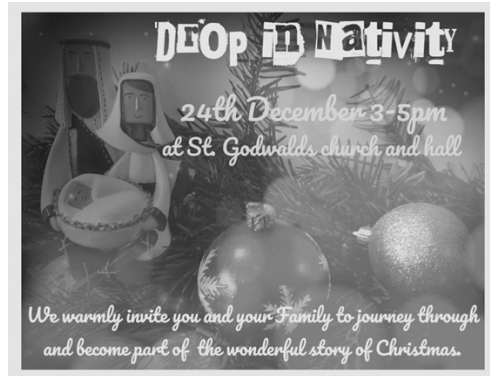
Calling all Families!

The Diocese of Worcester has produced a 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/>



Drop-in Nativity, Christmas Eve, 24th December
3-5pm at St Godwald's:
The Church and Church Hall will be transformed
on Christmas Eve into the Nativity.



It will be a COVID-friendly Christmas experience that people will remember for years. David, Kerstin and Sally warmly invite you and your family to journey through and become part of the wonderful story of Christmas.

The Scenes will include: Mary's home, The journey, The Inn,
The Stable, Shepherds/Angels and The gift (of Jesus).

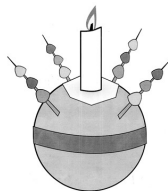
Returning Children's Society Boxes before Christmas!

Boxes may be left in Church on Monday 21st December between 11.00 and 12 noon or can be collected by Helen Waller by appointment. Please phone Helen on 01527 875521.

Please be generous—the need is very great this year and there is no Christingle service to raise additional funds.

Can you remember what the parts of the Christingle orange represent?

There will be no Christingle service this year but the important work of the Children's Society continues. If you would like to support them you could ask Helen for a Children's Society Box for next year.



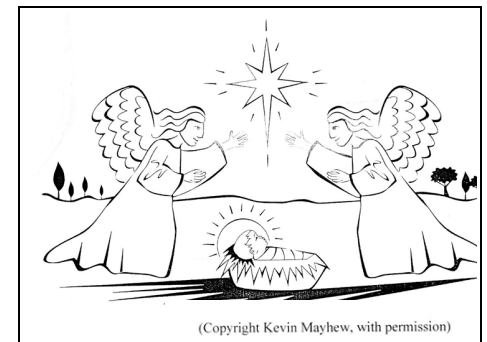
Christmas cards

In December through my door come Christmas greetings, cards galore.
I love to hear from friends widespread and know what kind of lives they've led
Throughout the year that's just flown past since greeting one another last.
But what intrigues me a great deal is choice of cards and how friends feel
About for them what Christmas means, as cards depict so many scenes.

Choir boys singing in the church, rosy robins on a perch,
Christmas trees aglow with light, carol singers out at night,
Children playing in the snow, Christmas markets all aglow,
Santa Claus upon his sleigh, excited kids on Christmas day,
Swans a-swimming, geese a-laying, adoring angels sweetly praying,
Wintry scenes of countryside, three wise men their beasts astride,
Startled shepherds on the hill, Bethlehem shown calm & still,
A gentle dove, a sign of peace, a flock of sheep with cosy fleece,
Families feasting round the table, the holy family in the stable.

Let's celebrate this time of year
With gifts and feasting and good cheer,
But most of all let's greet with joy
The special birth of one small boy.

Written by Dogerelle in 2015



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“For a child has been
born for us,
a son has been given
to us.”(Isaiah 9:6a)

Religious broadcasts over Christmas

- **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.

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- 8.10.am **Radio 4:** The regular Sunday Worship service
- 1.15 pm **BBC 1** Songs of Praise from St Paul's Cathedral: The Top Ten Carols.
- 3.00 pm **Radio 3** Choral Evensong.

Thursday December 24th Christmas Eve

- 9.45 am - 10.00 am **Radio 4** Daily Service.
- 3.00 pm **Radio 4** A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge.
- 5.30 pm **BBC 2** Carols from King's College, Cambridge.
- 11.00 pm **Radio 4** Once in Royal David's City; Choristers who have sung this in the past speaking.
- 11.15 pm **ITV** Carols at Christmas from St Elizabeth's Church, Greater Manchester.
- 11.30 pm to 12.45 am **Radio 4** Midnight Mass from Manchester Cathedral. Preacher Dt David Walker, Bishop of Manchester (the former Bishop of Dudley)
- 11.45 pm to 12.45 pm **BBC 1** Midnight Mass from Clifton RC Cathedral, Bristol.

Friday December 25th Christmas Day

- 6.55 am **BBC 2** Repeat of Carols from King's College, Cambridge.
- 9.00—9.45 am **Radio 4** Christmas Service.
- 10.00 am **BBC 1** Christmas Day Eucharist, a service from the Church of God of Prophecy, Birmingham.
- 1.00 pm **Radio 3** A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge (Repeat).
- 3.00 - 3.10 pm **BBC 1** The Queen's Christmas Day Address.
- 5.50—6.00 pm **BBC 2** The Queen's Christmas Day Address (Repeat)

Sunday December 27th

- 8.10—8.45 am **Radio 4** Sunday Worship with the Archbishop of Canterbury preaching from his Lambeth Palace home.
- 9.10—9.40 am **BBC 1** Sunday Worship from Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff
- 1.20—1.55 pm **BBC 1** Songs of Praise: talking about Gospel Music.

Friday January 1st New Year's Day

- 9.45—10.00 am **Radio 4 FM** The Book of the Week: The Bible, given by Dr John Barton.
- 9.45—10.00 am **Radio 4 LW** Daily Service.



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.

Don't forget: Over Christmas, keep in touch with all your friends, whether or not they are church members.





**Best wishes for a Happy Christmas
and a Good New Year**



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 usual day off is Thursday.

Our Church Wardens are:

Sue Bryant 01527 835728 and 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, Tessa Carrick, have any news or items for the next Newsletter by lunchtime on Tuesday. Telephone 01527 873135 or email tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk. Thank you.

