

All Saints Church, Bromsgrove

14th February 2021: 1st before Advent

Services for Sunday 14th February

10.30 am Holy Communion on Zoom led by Rev. David Ford. You may like to have some wine and bread ready for the Communion.

To follow the service on Zoom you will need the Service Sheet and the Reading Sheet for 7th February.

To take part on zoom use <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2474115267>

ID Code 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 481 5240 0203 901 7895 0131 460 1196

0203 051 2874 0203 481 5237

Then use the **ID code: 247 411 5267**

4.00 pm Iona Service on Zoom led by Pam Rosewarne.

Use the same method as above with these codes:

ID 848 028 44974 Passcode 752013

Ash Wednesday 17th February

There will be a service in St Godwald's Church at 10.00 am.

This service will **not** be on Zoom. If you wish to attend please enquire about space from one of St Godwald's Churchwardens:

Caroline Spencer carolinejoyspencer@gmail.com 832414

Madeleine Buckley mbuckley2602@gmail.com 879703

Thursday's On-line Bible Study: This will be the final session before Lent. It will meet on Zoom on Thursday 11th February from 11am to 12 noon. The group will be studying Acts Chapter 18. To join the Bible Study Zoom Meeting use: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88377515677?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88377515677?pwd=cTRXYW41NkZxeHFrZmUyU01qMksrUT09)

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Meeting ID: 883 7751 5677 Passcode: ix723S



Services for the rest of February, all on zoom only:

21st 10.30 am Morning Worship led by Sue Ward and Pam Rosewarne.

4.00 pm Celtic service

28th 10.30 am Holy Communion led by Rev. Janet Hatton.

4.00 pm Compline

Arrangements during Rev David Ford's Sabbatical Leave:

Our Rector David will be on leave for six weeks returning for Palm Sunday on 28th March. Please direct any enquiries to either Ray Khan or Bev Robertson, to one of the churchwardens at All Saints or to Heather Evans, Parish Administrator as appropriate. If David needs to be contacted in an emergency, one of those below will do this. Thank you!

Rev. Ray Khan rev.stjohns.bromsgrove@gmail.com 07952 170840

Rev. Bev Robertson bevroberson.church@gmail.com 07792 090510

Sue Bryant suembryant@hotmail.co.uk 835728 (Churchwarden)

Susan Ward mrs_charlie@hotmail.com 0121 453 3180 (Churchwarden)

Heather Evans pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com 577759

(Parish Administrator)

Lent Course for All Saints, St Godwald's and any others who are interested : The meetings for Lent will be on Thursdays from 18th February at 11.00 am and will follow a Lent book looking at what the story of **Abraham** has to teach us. To join the Lent Course on Zoom go to: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88377515677?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88377515677?pwd=cTRXYW41NkZxeHFrZmUyU01qMksrUT09)

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All Saints' Donations to The Basement Food Bank.

The total given in 2021 is already **£185** - through Mike.

These donations are much needed! *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 will send a donation from his own money for that amount & will reclaim the amount from you when convenient. Or, send a cheque to M.E.Carrick, 45 Brook Court, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1AD.



A prayer for this week: *Grant to me, O Lord, an eye of vision, a sensitive mind, a gentle heart and make me kind. Grant to me, O Lord, a discerning taste, a life of love, an awareness of you and hope from above. Amen.*



Requests for Prayers: If you would like someone included in 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 so that the name will then be included for the following month only. 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.

Lent meetings with Rev. Bev Robertson on Zoom will be on Wednesdays, 24th February, 3rd and 10th March. Please send in any questions about Faith beforehand; the questions can be looked at in the context of our Christian belief and life. Questioners can remain anonymous. Bev's email: bevrobertson.church@gmail.com.
On Ash Wednesday, 17th March Bev will lead a Meditation group.

All Saints' Annual Report for 2020: Please send contributions to Pam Rosewarne on crawleypamela@hotmail.com. If you are a leader of a group or activity please let Pam have your item reporting on last year 2020 as soon as possible and definitely by 14th March. If you have no access to a computer please phone Pam (01299 871462) to arrange to send the item to Pam by post.



Tea/coffee and cake: a time to share short stories & Poems: week 4

Each Zoom meeting lasts 40 minutes. You will provide the drink and cake! You can just join and listen or you can take a more active part.

Zoom Meeting ID 789 2400 8432 Password YZtn7X

Please email Judith on davidrowe876@btinternet.com to let her know you would like to join this fun-packed event or that you wish to tell a story or read a poem.

Donations to the Church: Thank you to everyone who has made payments to the church during the past year. The church needs our regular donations very much during Covid-19. You may give in one of the following ways:

A) If you do not 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).

B) 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.

C) 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.

D) Scan the QR code for All Saints on the right with your mobile phone. It will take you straight to the Giving page for All Saints' on the web site.



Keeping in touch with each other is very important:

Please keep phoning other church people and your friends as the restrictions continue. A telephone conversation can help all of us through this very difficult time. Everyone likes to be kept cheerful.



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 9625.

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



All Saints' Annual District Council Meeting (ADCM)

This will be on Sunday 25th April after the morning service.

Annual Bromsgrove Parish Council Meeting (APCM)

This will be on Sunday 30th May, hosted by St. John's Church.

St John's is hosting an online course on the Bible.

It will give an overview of the Bible and how it all fits in together. The course is provided by the Bible Society and is interactive, containing teaching videos and discussion time. Each session lasts for about an hour and there are 8 sessions. The course began on 4th Feb. The following sessions will be on Thursday evenings at 7.00 pm. The course also has a manual that includes daily bible readings to help you prepare for the each session as well as other material. The manual costs £4.99 and you can order one from https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/filters/The%20Bible%20Course%20Manuals/?hide_filters The course uses Zoom. If you are interested please email Rev. Ray Khan to find out the Zoom ID on rev.stjohns.bromsgrove@gmail.com

Religious broadcasts this 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 February 7th

8.10.am **Radio 4:** The regular Sunday Worship service.
1.15 pm **BBC 1:** Songs of Praise (Love and Lent).
3.00 pm **Radio 3:** Choral Evensong (Repeat).

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.

Goodbye Captain Tom

(by our Bromsgrove Parish poet! Anonymously!)

Amidst the chaos gloom and Doom with Covid round the World
The name of Captain Tom appeared, and his story thus unfurled.

Before he reached the landmark age 100 years no less
100 laps he planned to walk to help the NHS.

His name soon spread around the world, a tonic for us all.

To hear his fundraising going up inspiring many more

And Captain Tom you made it with the millions you raised.

Good wishes from so many folk and a Knighthood you were praised.

We found out more about you, how you served in the World War.

Like so many courageous soldiers you survived but many more

Died in those far-off countries, oh the horror that you saw.

But like a lot of Soldiers, you coped despite the stress.

Back to dear old blighty and a brand-new NHS

So, before your 100th Birthday you had one more thing you had to do.

So Bravely every day you walked, and your resilience saw us through.

Your happy disposition and your cheerful carefree way,

You promised all of us that tomorrow will be a better day.

And so, goodnight to Captain Tom, you finally go to rest.

You have left behind a legacy for which we are truly blest.



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/>



Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February to 7th March:

This year's theme is "Time to choose the world you want."

Fairtrade Foundation's Chief Executive Officer, Michael Gidney, reflects on a tough year and looks forward to a brighter 2021.

'For too long in this society, we have celebrated unrestrained individualism over common community.' So said Joe Biden, back in 1987, during his first run for the US Presidency. Thirty years on, his words still ring true. True in the US, where the politics of division that so characterised the last four years have given rise to appalling racial violence. True also across the industrialised world, where 'unrestrained individualism' has brought increasing inequality, and long, opaque supply chains making the planet dirtier and people poorer. Globalisation has undoubtedly been a force for so much good, but it has stored up problems for people and planet that have been ignored too long. Fairtrade helps to reduce inequalities by making sure producers have better income and working conditions. The shock of Covid-19 has shown us, more emphatically than any of us could have imagined, that life cannot carry on like this. This year, globalisation has literally been bad for our health.



So, what can we do during Fairtrade Fortnight and afterwards?

1. Look for and buy fairtrade goods locally or online.
2. Order food and other items online from Traidcraft.
3. Reflect on what will be important when things become more normal after Covid-19 is better controlled.
4. Pray for a better understanding of how you can make a contribution to a fairer world and to better care of our environment.



Rector Rev. David Ford's address :

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

His telephone is 01527 873831;
mobile: 07973 412625;

email: revdavidford@googlemail.com

**David will be on sabbatical leave from
15th February until 28th March.**

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 Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 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

01299 82are 7866 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. Thank you.
Telephone 01527 873135
or email tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk.

