

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL

SUNDAY 27th JUNE 2021

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Alternative Collect for today:

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S SERVICES:

27th June - Trinity 4

10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints'

-led by Sue Ward and Pam Rosewarne (**also on zoom**)

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:

Dial by your location

0203 901 7895

0131 460 1196

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0208 080 6591

6.00 pm Iona Service

- led by Judith Rowe (**zoom**)

Meeting ID: 682 395 3951

Passcode: OAvAXw

NEXT SUNDAY

4th July - Trinity 5

9.45 am Morning Worship Family Service at St Godwalds's

-led by Kerstin MacDonald (**also on zoom**)

6.00 pm Service

- led by (**zoom**)

HOME COMMUNION

If you are unable to come to church, for whatever reason, home communion is available from the clergy and others. Please let David know of your needs.



Welcome to our new Curate!

Richard and Kath Sandland will be joining us in July as Richard begins his curacy in Bromsgrove. There is a leaflet available to help us prepare for their arrival and to support them as they begin this new chapter in their lives. If you would like one, it is available by email or contact Revd David Ford. Contact details are in this newsletter.

Message from Richard and Kath Sandland

Since moving into our new home at the start of June, we have been so touched by the warm welcome we have received - with lovely gifts of cake, fruit and plants, together with beautiful cards and good wishes from the folk of St. Godwald's and All Saints churches. During such a topsy turvy time, people's kindness has been a wonderful and much appreciated "constant" and we are so looking forward to meeting everyone and becoming a part of the community. With all good wishes, Richard and Kath Sandland.

PICNIC LUNCH Sunday 11th July

Very sadly, the 'bring your own picnic lunch' to welcome Richard and Kath Sandland following the service on Sunday July 11th has had to be cancelled because numbers would exceed the capacity allowed in All Saints' Church Hall. It is very disappointing.

However, the **Team Welcome Eucharist Service** will take place as planned at **All Saints' Church at 10.30 am on Sunday 11th July.**

Everyone is warmly invited to the service and we will be welcoming Kath and Richard, District by District, just before the Peace.



ST GODWALD'S CHURCHYARD

We are participating in the Worcestershire Best Kept Churchyard Competition. The first inspection will take place between 27 June and 11 July.

Huge thanks to everyone who helped to tidy the churchyard in advance of the first inspection. Let's hope that all your efforts bear fruit!

STUDY GROUP – Explore your Faith

A new Study Group on Zoom: A new weekly group will start on Friday 16th July at 11.00 am. The group will follow a discussion guide to explore what it means to be a Christian. The booklets chosen are *Walk the Jesus Walk*, by John Simmonds, and the second booklet by the same author, *Jesus then and Now*. A number of booklets have been ordered already. If you would like to join the discussion group and wish to order the booklets please get in touch with Tessa Carrick 01527 873135 or tessa@carrick.myzen.co.uk, ID Code will be available nearer the time.



RETURNING TO CHURCH

Returning to Church after a succession of lockdowns



is proving challenging. We each have to find a way forwards into our 'new normal' in a way that is spiritually sustainable. My 'plan' is that as much as possible of our ordinary church life returns from 1st September.

So, please do encourage one another, with sensitivity and in love, to return to church, perhaps by trying the Wednesday morning service (St Godwald's, 10am, Ruth Heald Room) that returns at the beginning of July.

This is usually attended by only half a dozen and so might prove a friendly, supportive and safe way to return to church.

I will happily visit anyone to chat through their apprehension and several of us are more than happy to bring communion to those at home for whom churchgoing is just too much right now.

Please be gentle with yourselves whilst seeking God's courage and strength to return.

David

HYMN BOOKS and WORSHIP BOOKLETS

From Sunday 18th July we will return to



using hymn books and our usual worship booklets in both St Godwald's and All Saints. This will reduce our printing and paper usage considerably and save a good amount of David and Heather's time too in preparing weekly service sheets.

The number of worshippers online is steadily decreasing as confidence returns and people feel able to come back to church. However, we remain committed to zoom worship continuing indefinitely for those unable to come to

church. If you are amongst that number, then we will deliver a hymn book to you at home. If you are not on email, we will deliver a service sheet too!

Although we know who worships online regularly, please do let me know if you definitely wish to have a hymn book and service sheet delivered to you at home. Thank you! David

GROCERY COLLECTION FOR ST BASIL'S

Donations of grocery items for St Basil's and NewStarts would be gratefully received on the Sundays that St Godwald's Church is open for worship. Future dates will be notified on the Newsletter nearer the time

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH 100 CLUB

Membership fees for those paying half-yearly are now due and I should be grateful if you would let me have payment for the six months July to December 2021.

(Cheques payable to St. Godwald's DCC)

ST GODWALD'S 100 CLUB WINNERS LIST JANUARY TO JUNE 2021

MONTH	NAME OF WINNER	NUMBER
JANUARY	JANET CHUMBLEY	9
FEBRUARY	SYLVIA NOKES	43
MARCH	DAVID WILKES	61
APRIL	JUDITH ROWE	46
MAY	KATE MOXON	66
JUNE	NORMA DAVIES	38

Pat Archer

PHOTOCOPYING, STAPLING

and FOLDING the weekly newsletter and regular orders of service takes a couple of hours a week, usually on a Wednesday morning. Can you spare the time to help with this please, thereby reducing Heather and David's workload?

If you can help, please get in touch with me – thank you! David.



Future Strategy of the Church of England

If you would like to contribute to development of thinking around the future strategy of the Church of England, an online survey has been created by the vision group at Church House. It doesn't take long to complete and personal details do not need to be left:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CofEvision>

PETERTIDE ORDINATIONS – SUNDAY 4th JULY



Please pray for all these Deacons and Priests as they are ordained next Sunday.

To be ordained Priest on Saturday 3 July at 2pm:

- Claire Billington serving in Peopleton and White Ladies Aston w Churchill & Spetchley & Upton Snodsbury & Broughton Hackett
- Lindsey Coulthard serving at St Stephen Barbourne, Worcester
- Foluso Enwerem serving at Top Church, Dudley
- Jon Evans serving at Christ Church, Lye
- Jessica Fellows serving at All Saints, Worcester
- Christopher Henson serving at St John, Kidderminster
- Rosie Moss serving at St Nicholas, Warndon, Worcester
- Kim Topham serving in Clent and Hagley
- Carol Weston serving in the Brierley Hill team

To be ordained Deacon on Sunday 4 July at 10.30am:

- Shaun Armstrong, to serve in the Kidderminster Ismere Team
- Melissa Beynon, to serve in the Halas Team, Halesowen
- Calum Burke, to serve at Top Church, Dudley
- Fraser Oates, to serve at All Saints Church in Worcester
- Richard Sandland, to serve in the Bromsgrove Team

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***NB: David's day off is 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 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 p.a.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com and the office telephone number is 577759

Government Legislation

The Government is proposing a new piece of legislation that would put a counter-terrorism obligation on all places of worship, and especially on those whose capacities exceed 100 people. The easiest way to meet the obligations under the proposed legislation is to keep our churches closed.

The Archdeacon of London has written a very helpful blog on this that I encourage everyone to read. A consultation on the legislation is underway and there is a link in the following piece if you wish to respond.

Whilst there is some logic to the legislation for places such as the National Gallery, its impact on the smallest of our churches could be extremely onerous and will lead many small rural churches to lock their doors.

<http://frlukemiller.blogspot.com/2021/05/unintended-consequences-of-protect-duty.html>

CLIMATE CHANGE

This is a very relevant issue, and it was recently a major topic at Diocesan Synod. The following are links to some very interesting and informative resources: Watch the short film on the views of youngpeoplehere: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/science-environment-56001191>