

ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL

SUNDAY 25th July 2021

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Alternative Collect for today:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY'S SERVICES: 25th July - Trinity 8

10.30 am All Saints Morning Worship/Family
Service led by Pam Rosewarne and
Judith Rowe

Hymns for today:

114 Come down O love divine
297 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
185 For the fruits of his creation
408 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
252 Guide me O thy great redeemer

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

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**6.00 pm Compline Service led by
Richard Sandland (zoom)**

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NEXT SUNDAY - 1st August

**8 am All Saints Holy Communion CW led by
Sue Humphries**

**9.45 am Morning Worship/Family Service at
St Godwald's led by David Ford with Richard
Sandland**

6.00 pm Taize led by David Ford (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.



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!

Services will continue to be broadcast via zoom
whenever possible but the main Sunday
morning service sheet will no longer be shared
online. This will make the management of the
service online much easier in the longer term,
enabling those who have been undertaking this
for us the opportunity to return to church and
reduce the time taken by David and others to
prepare the orders of services. Printed orders
of service and hymn books will be delivered to
all those who request them. Please telephone
or email David who will arrange delivery.
Thank you.

Congratulations to Matt and Sue upon the
birth of their daughter, Lindiwe Gabrielle Edie
on 1 July. Lindiwe means the one we have
been waiting for or looking forward to. Matt
and Sue have been worshipping at St
Godwald's in person and online for several
months and we are very much looking forward
to welcoming Lindiwe to church in due course.
Matt, Sue and Lindiwe - may God fill your
home and lives with love and peace.

Wednesday Morning Services have started back at 10.00 am in the Ruth Heald Room. Morning Worship will be held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays and Holy Communion on the 3rd Wednesdays.

We will be socially distanced and are required to stay seated throughout the service and until you leave. Please wear a face mask; Anti Bac gel will be available and you are required to sign the register.

A hot drink will be available afterwards.

It will be good to have this service again after such a long break.

A message from Margaret . . .

To date we have had two services 7th and the 14th July, both Morning Prayer, and both welcomed by those who came along, who found it a time of spiritual joy to be back worshipping and praying together in fellowship once more.

There will be a Communion service once a month. Please see above for the regular pattern of services.

As always there will be a time of gentle music to begin with, followed by a catch up of anyone who needs our prayers, and who will be included in our intercessions later in the service. Please note though, we must be careful as to how much information we give about those whom we mention. It can be okay just to mention someone's name. God is aware of their needs.

In addition, there is an informal reflection, so very often relating to our own life experiences, and faith journeys, and based on the Gospel reading for the day.

The Ruth Heald Room has always been felt by many of us to be a deeply spiritual place. It certainly has been a place of prayer now for many years. Praying together can be very spiritually uplifting, comforting. Sometimes we just need to 'be' in God's loving presence, and let his love just flow into our very souls.

Margaret Woodgates

Our Tuesday Walks will now meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. The next walk will be on 27th July at 10am returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

We will follow all COVID housekeeping rules

Judith & David Rowe

A Prayer for Richard and Kath:

Lord of all our ministries

As we welcome Richard and Kath to our communities this weekend, we pray your blessing upon them for their time amongst us. May Richard's curacy prove fulfilling for him and for all amongst whom he ministers. Given him an openness of heart to see your Spirit at work in Bromsgrove, a love of serving you and a desire to receive your gifts of grace and love. Through your calling upon his life, may all our callings be nourished and strengthened as together we build your Kingdom in this place. And we pray for David in his role as Richard's training incumbent. Fill him with your wisdom, grace and love as he guides Richard in learning the practicalities of parish ministry and may they together bear witness to your hope that in Christ all shall be one.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and saviour, Amen.

STUDY GROUP – Explore your Faith

A new Study Group on Zoom: A new weekly group will continue on Friday 30th 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*.

If you would like to join the discussion group please phone Barbara Murphy 01527 875380 to obtain copies of the booklets.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/991743286>

Meeting ID 991 743 2866

ST GODWALD'S CHURCHYARD

We are participating in the Worcestershire Best Kept Churchyard Competition.

The first inspection has been completed. The second inspection – for those which met the criteria – will take place during August. We may need a quick tidy up early in the month!

GROCERY COLLECTIONS 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 is open for worship.

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>

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***Richard'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

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and the office telephone number is 577759

Heather Evans is retiring as Parish

Administrator at the end of July. To mark the end of over five years' service to the parish, as well as to St Godwald's, a leaving collection has been arranged. Gifts may be made electronically into the PCC-Team bank account as follows:

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Bromsgrove Parochial Church Council – Team
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Please note this is a business account.

Please write Heather Evans in the reference section of your payment so that we can trace the donations. Thank you!