ST GODWALD'S CHURCH, FINSTALL SUNDAY 27th MARCH 2022 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

Alternative Collect for today:

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TODAY'S SERVICES

10.30 am Morning Worship at St Godwald's 10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints' (also on Zoom) Meeting ID: 247 411 5267

NB 6.00 pm Evening Prayer - Zoom

Meeting ID: 625 582 5148

Monday 28th March

9.30 am Totwald's for 0-5 year olds in church **10.00** – **11.15** am Little Stars pre-school play group in the main hall.

Saturday 2nd April

CAFÉ CHURCH at St. Godwald's at 5.00 pm

<u>Next Sunday's Services – 3rd April</u> PASSION SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Communion at All Saints'
9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Joint Service of Holy Communion CW
at St Godwald's (also on Zoom)

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<u>TUESDAY WALKS</u> meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. The next walk in April will be on 12th April at 10.00 am returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

We follow all COVID housekeeping rules.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES

Join us in the Ruth Heald Room every Wednesday at 10.00 am for Worship followed by refreshments.

Communion Services will be on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday and Morning Worship being on the alternate Wednesdays.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The next community café will be on

Friday 1st April, 2022

and will continue on

alternate Fridays at 10.00 am until 12 noon.

PAT SALE

Pat's funeral will be held at Redditch Crematorium on Thursday 7th April at 12.30pm. Lifts can be arranged for those needing one. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter Adele, Chris and all her family.

LENT GROUPS 2022: FORTY WOMEN:

Unseen women of the Bible from Eden to Easter by Ros Clarke (ISBN 9781789743562). This year, three groups will explore lesser known women from scripture. The groups are:

Mondays 2.00-3.30pm: led by Revd Sue Humphries, and held at 119 Old Station Road (limited to six in total)

Tuesdays 2.00-3.30pm: led by David, Richard, Jan and Rosemary, and held on zoom. **Zoom ID**: **247 411 5267**

Fridays 7.00-8.30pm: led by David and Richard and possibly others, and also held on zoom. **Zoom ID: 247 411 5267**

The groups will meet week beginning 7th March and meet for five weeks. If you would like to join a group as a participant or to lead a session, please let one of the named above know. The book can be purchased easily online but it's not necessary to have your own copy. Thank you!

GROCERY COLLECTIONS

Donations of grocery items for St Basil's and NewStarts would be gratefully received on any Sunday at St Godwald's

STUDY GROUP ON ZOOM: Explore Your Faith.

The group meets on Zoom on Thursdays at 11.00 am for Bible Study.

Newcomers are always welcome. Please use the **Zoom meeting ID 832 8334 3016**. There is no Passcode.

CONTACTLESS CARD PAYMENTS

are now accepted at St Godwald's it is now possible to donate to St Godwald's using your bank card.

Once Wi-Fi is installed in church this week, the card unit will stand at the back of church. Any amount can be donated although the unit is pre-set with six different amounts starting at £2. Select the amount you want to donate using the touch screen and then tap your card on the top of

the unit. The system is compliant with gift aid and data protection. There is no need to change your existing method of supporting St Godwald's but this will be an invaluable addition to our range of giving options, especially for newcomers and occasional visitors.

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE / OPENING of CHURCH

The situation in Ukraine is ever more serious and our prayers for all involved are urgently needed. To facilitate this, and in recognition that the broader community may welcome more access to our churches, we are trying to keep St Godwald's open throughout the week between approximately 9am and 4pm. There is a rota at the back of church where you can indicate your willingness to help with this. Please try to work in pairs as lone working in churches is not advised.

In addition to offering to open or close our churches, we are also inviting people to lead prayers at the start and the close of each day. This can be as simple as saying the Lord's Prayer and as complex as reciting the full liturgy for evening prayer.

Another approach is to download the Daily Prayer app on your smartphone and simply play the service for the day as indicated by the app The link for this is:



https://www,churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/daily-prayer-app-and-podcast.

Whether or not you can help with the rotas do please come to church to pray if you can. And, of course, may we all remain diligent in our home prayer lives too.

Thank you

David and Richard

The SABBATICAL leave of Revd. David Ford

The second half of David's Sabbatical Leave will be from Easter Monday to 29th May inclusive. During this time please contact Richard as needs arise; Richard can then contact David if absolutely necessary. Richard will be under the oversight of Bev for this period.

THE REGULAR PATTERN of SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES at ST GODWALD'S and ALL SAINTS from MARCH 2022

1st Sunday in month

8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints 9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's 10.30am Joint Service of Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's

2nd Sunday in month

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's 10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints

3rd Sunday in month

8.00 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints9.00 am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's10.30 am Family Service at St Godwald's10.30 am Morning Worship at All Saints

4th Sunday in month:

10.30 am Holy Communion CW at All Saints' 10.30 am Morning Worship at St Godwald's

5th Sunday in month:

10.00 am Team Service in various churches



<u>CAFÉ CHURCH</u> at St. Godwald's takes place at 5.00 pm on the first Saturday of each month. The next meeting will be on Saturday, 2nd April.

100 club winners 2022

January Madeleine Buckley

February Pat Archer

March Rita Smith

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Monday, Thursday, Friday from 9.30am-2.30pm

LADIES FELLOWSHIP AFTERNOON TEA

On Wednesday 16th March, an afternoon tea was enjoyed by twenty-four friends of Pat Brade. This was held to say "Thank you" to Pat who, along with other Committee members, had run Ladies Fellowship for many years. Due to ill health, the Fellowship has now come to an end

Rev'd David Ford opened the afternoon by asking Pat about the background of St Godwald's Ladies Fellowship and when it started. After a prayer of Thanksgiving, everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea. Gifts for Pat were presented by Rev'd Richard Sandland and an eventful afternoon came to a close.

Dear friends,

I am delighted to tell you that the @St. G Library is now ready. We currently have 31 books, a good range for children aged 0-7. This library will provide families with a tool to explore and deepen their faith and connection with God. Thank you to each and every one of you that has supported this little project with funds, love, thoughts and prayers. As the Worcester Diocese continues to publicise a new guide to explore a different book our library will continue to grow!

Please feel free to have a look at the library when you next visit our church and borrow a book if you like via our dedicated @St. G Library email:

st.g-library@outlook.com

Thank you, Kerstin

