



ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S
This Newsletter covers:
SUNDAYS 21st and 28th DECEMBER
2025 also 4th JANUARY 2026



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prayer for the Week

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friday 19th December

10.00 am St. Godwald's (Ruth Heald Room): Community Café

Christmas Carols and Mince Pies led by Rev'd Ann Cogle.

7.00 pm Finstall Village Hall: Finstall Parish Council Community Carols

Sunday 21st December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion led by Rev'd Sue
Humphries.

10.30 am St Godwald's: Holy Communion (CW)

led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant and Kerstin
MacDonald.

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No All Saints': Morning Worship

6.00 pm All Saints': 9 Lessons and Carols



Next Week's Services:

Wednesday 24th December: Christmas Eve

3.00 pm St Godwald's: Crib and Christingle

Service led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

3.30 pm All Saints': Christingle Service led by

Rev'd Dr Alan Conant

11.30 pm St Godwald's: Midnight Eucharist led

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Thursday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30 am St Godwald's: Holy Communion led by Rev'd Ann Cogle
10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion led by Rev'd Amanda Arthur



First Sunday of Christmas

Prayer for the Week

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday 28th December: The First Sunday of Christmas

9.00am – There will be no 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service
10.30 am St Godwald's: Morning Worship led by Jan & Norman Hewer and Caroline Spencer (to be held in the **Ruth Heald Room**)
10.30 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant.

Second Sunday of Christmas

Prayer for the Week

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Sunday 4th January: The Second Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.
10.30 am St. Godwald's: Joint Holy Communion (CW) with All Saints' led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Alan and Andrea are inviting anyone from our church communities to drop in for our Open House at the Rectory on **Saturday 20th December 2.00pm-6.00pm**. Pop in for a half hour to meet others in the team and wish everyone a Merry Christmas over a glass of mulled wine and some nibbles.



JOINT CHURCHES TOGETHER



Carol Singing - on Sat December 20th at 10.30am in the **Town Centre near Coffee No 1** - come along and bring your voices to support this event. For further information please contact Hilda Roxborough at St Johns. If anyone can bring any tubs of chocolate to give out alongside to the shoppers that would be brilliant!

PIZZA (CAFÉ) CHURCH

Café Church is an informal service in the **Church Hall at St. Godwald's** for all the family to enjoy. A small buffet style supper is included. **The next Pizza Church** is on **Saturday, January 31st 2026 at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - Box Collection.

It is that time of the year again. Please bring your Children's Society boxes to church for emptying or for **All Saints'** contact **Helen on 01527 875521**

and for **St Godwald's** contact **Catherine on 01527 467859** for collection of the box.

If anybody would like a box for next year we do have spare boxes, Thank you. Helen Waller (AS) and Catherine Maund (St G's).

BROMSGROVE STANDARD CHRISTMAS NOTICES

While the Bromsgrove Standard are putting our Christmas Services in the online edition of the paper for free, for which we are really grateful, they are wanting to charge us for putting details in the print edition. Lauren has pointed out to them that this is a public service announcement not a fundraiser for a charity event. Many elderly residents of Bromsgrove would be interested in attending but do not have online access.

If you think this should be treated as public service announcement please contact the editor

editor@bromsgrovestandard.co.uk 01527 574111

WELCOME and INSTALLATION SERVICE for BISHOP HUGH NELSON 2.00 pm Saturday 17th January 2026 at Worcester Cathedral

All members of our congregations are warmly invited to attend this service.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

Lauren and her family, Margaret Woodgates, Rhoda, Betty Daly, Sue Wilkes, Pat Archer and Fr David.

The Christian Union at South Bromsgrove High School

Please pray for the youngsters and for the termly online prayer meetings that are held to support the school.

The new Christian Union at North Bromsgrove High School starting on the 10th November.

Please include our schools – first, middle and high – in our prayers

ST GODWALD'S

TOTWALDS – MONDAY

Totwalds is our worship time in church for 0-5 year-olds and their parents/carers. There is always a story, lovely songs and an activity. Everyone is welcome at **9.30am each Monday morning**.

Monday 15th December is the last Totwalds before Christmas. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 5th January 2026.

TUESDAY WALKS meet on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Please note that the next walk is on 23rd December 2025 and then 13th January 2026 at 10.00 am.

am starting from the Ruth Heald Room and returning at 12 noon for refreshments.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICE

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

Please note that there will be no service on the morning of Christmas Eve. There will be a Holy Communion service in the Ruth Heald Room at **10.00 am on Wednesday 31st December**.

ST GODWALD'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Community Café is open *every alternate Friday*. The next cafés will be **Friday 19th December 2025, then Friday 16th January 2026 10.00 am until 12.30 pm**.

No charge but donations always very welcome.



ST BASILS

St Basils is a homeless shelter in Bromsgrove. It works with young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk, helping almost 4000 youngsters per year across the West Midlands.



Thank you very much for your continued support of the Community Café and Ramble Group; the fellowship and fundraising are instrumental in raising money for St Basils and other charities.

CHURCH CLEANING at ST GODWALD'S

Our next session of communal church cleaning (mainly dusting and hoovering) will be on **Friday 9th January from 10.00 – 11.00 am**, joining with **Coffee and Company** in the Ruth Heald Room afterwards.

All Welcome – Many hands make light work!

COFFEE AND COMPANY

We are trialling an additional Friday morning get-together on the weeks when the Community Café is not running. The next session is on **Friday 9th January from 10.00 – 12.00**.

This is a space for chat, hot drinks and biscuits, with table games for those who are interested. **All welcome!**

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE – SUNDAY 28th DECEMBER 2025

There will not be a (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion Service at St. Godwald's on Sunday 28th December 2025 at 9.00am.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE - 10.30am 4th Sunday of the Month

It has been agreed by the DCC that the Morning Worship Service held on the 4th Sunday of the Month at 10.30am will be **held in the Ruth Heald Room** for the months of December, January, February and March.

100 CLUB

A reminder to **100 Club Members** that the funds **are due** in for the beginning of the year.

We still have a few spare numbers so if anyone would like to join or would like more numbers, please contact Margaret Eurell-Dixon.

ALL SAINTS'

CHATTERY

Meetings are held weekly on **Wednesdays** in **All Saints' Church Hall** from **2.00 to 3.30 pm**.

It is a warm, friendly group of a wide range of ages. Further details from Sue Thompson on 01527 836142.

CHOIR PRACTICES: Most weeks the choir rehearsals are on **Thursdays** from **5.30 pm to 7.00 pm**.

Members of the Choir are asked to be at church on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays by 9.50 am for practice before the 10.30 am services. Please contact Ollie Neale regarding the choir and music and to confirm times of practices: ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk

If you enjoy listening to All Saints' Choir at Services, you might like to see this schedule:

1st Sunday of the month: The Choir join the 10.30am Joint Service at St Godwald's, Holy Communion with Hymns, (with organist Joel Pagett)

2nd Sunday of the month: 10.30am Joint Service at All Saints' with St Godwald's. The 'Main' Choral Service of the month where we might have a more complex Anthem/Service Music etc.

3rd Sunday of the month: 10.30am Lay-Led Service-only Hymns.

4th Sunday of the month: 10.30am Holy Communion-Mass Setting, Anthem and Hymns.

5th Sunday of the month: 10.00am Team Service ONLY if at All Saints' Church



MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union will meet on the **third Monday** of each month at **2.30pm** at **12, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove**. At each meeting there is a short time of worship, a speaker and refreshments. All are welcome

POSTAGE STAMPS USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE RNIB

(Royal National Institute of Blind People)

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to all who continue to donate stamps for this Appeal. Stamps can be brought to church during any of our services, there is a box on the table at the back, or to the Parish Office, during opening hours.

There is no cost to the church for sending these to the RNIB. Gill Gould (All Saints on 07824368584).

THANK YOU AGAIN AND PLEASE DO KEEP COLLECTING THEM 😊



THE BASEMENT PROJECT

Please remember to keep supporting the Basement Project.

More information at

www.basementproject.org.



MORNING WORSHIP

There will be no Morning Worship at All Saints' on SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER.

However, there will be a service of 9 Lessons and Carols at 6.00 pm that evening at All Saints' Church.



ST BASILS' BIG SLEEPOUT: THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported us with the Big Sleepout for St Basils (<https://stbasils.enthuse.com/pf/uob-llr>) on Friday 28th November: Your support has really been appreciated.

The evening was quite an experience. Although we didn't get a lot of sleep, the weather was a little milder than we had expected (although hats, gloves and multiple layers were still required in our sleeping bags!). We awoke to heavy rain on Saturday morning, but amazingly our boxes remained relatively watertight and survived the wind earlier in the night.

We were well looked after by St Basils, including curry on Friday night, hot drinks and an hour's festive entertainment by the West Midlands Fire Service Brass Band. At 10pm we had a presentation from St Basils' CEO which was very uplifting and gave numerous examples of how their work is benefitting young people. They showed us a video of their new accommodation unit near Snow Hill station which allows young people a much cheaper than market value room, often for 6-24 months, to enable them to get settled into work, and to make it beneficial to work. Perhaps the most heartfelt moment of the evening was when one of the young people who had benefitted from St Basils' support, came on stage and recited a poem that he had written about his experiences.

Thanks again for your support and do ask us when you see us if you would like to know more - we're very happy to talk about the experience!

Sarah and Steve Bull

DATES for your DIARIES

St Godwald's and All Saints' Services for JANUARY:

Sunday 4th January: The Second Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Joint Holy Communion (CW) with All Saints' led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

Sunday 11th January: Baptism of Christ

9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

10.30 am All Saints': Joint Holy Communion (CW) with St Godwald's led by Rev'd Deb Buckley

Sunday 18th January: The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant and Rev'd Ann Cogle

10.30 am All Saints': Morning Worship - led by Pam Rosewarne and Sue Ward.

Sunday 25th January: The Third Sunday of Epiphany – Conversion of St Paul

9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Rev'd Dr Alan Conant

10.30 am St Godwald's: Morning Worship led by Emma Morris and Judith Rowe (Ruth Heald Room)

10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Deb Buckley

Saturday 31st January:

5.00 pm St Godwald's Café/Pizza Church

Sunday 1st February: The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas

8.00 am All Saints': Said Holy Communion (CW) led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

10.30 am St. Godwald's: Joint Holy Communion (CW) with All Saints' led by Rev'd Ann Cogle

CONTACT DETAILS:



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Church Halls)

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Please scan below to check the Parish Office
opening hours for this week:



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The Diocese of Worcester, All Saints DCC and St Godwald's DCC are all committed to promoting a Safer Church for everyone. We will seek to promote the welfare of children, young people and adults, work to prevent abuse from occurring, protect those that are at risk of being abused, and respond well to those that have experienced abuse.

*****Information for the Newsletter:** Please let me have any news or items for the **next Newsletter** from either St Godwald's or All Saints' **by 12 noon on Tuesday 6th January 2026,**
Thank you, Catherine Maund: cmaund1@sky.com

*We wish you all a
Very Happy and Blessed
Christmas and New Year!*

