



**ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S**  
**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**



**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December:**

**3.00 pm St Godwald's: Ramblers' Carol Service** led by Rev'd  
Margaret Woodgates

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Advent 2**

**9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP)** led by Rev'd David  
Ford.

**10.30 am St. Godwald's: Family Service** led by Rev'd Richard  
Sandland and Emma Morris

**10.30 am All Saints': Holy Communion (CW)** led by Rev'd David  
Ford.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9408514608>

**Zoom ID: 940 851 4608**

**Passcode: 6TAy1V**

**5.00 pm St Godwald's: Carols by Candlelight** led by Rev'd Richard  
Sandland

**Next Week's Services:**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Advent 3**

**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  
Richard Sandland.

**6.00 pm All Saints': Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** led by  
Rev'd David Ford.

### **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).

### **SUNDAY @ 6 - EVENING GATHERING on ZOOM**

Please remember our Zoom Services on Sundays at 6pm.

This is a small but devoted group of people who are sharing some fabulous time of prayer together. It lasts for around 20 minutes and is now called '**Evening Gathering**'. There is a great variety of worship styles offered which can only enrich prayer life; it is a lovely way to round off the weekend. Log-on details are always in this Newsletter.

### **SOUL AND SENSES SERVICE**

This is a Service at **All Saints' Church** held on **the first Saturday of each month**. The next service is on **Saturday 6th JANUARY 2024**. Each Service will all start at **5.00pm**, last for around 40 minutes.

Please come and join us in wondering and exploring what God is saying to and with us. **ALL are welcome** - come as you are!

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).

## DATES for the DIARY!

### FRIENDS' of ST GODWALD

Friends of St Godwald's **Mince Pies and Punch;**  
**Saturday 23 December 10.30 till Noon** in the Ruth  
Heald Room.

Admission £2.00 - or more if you wish. Raffle.  
All contributions - including Bring 'n Buy –  
welcome.



### MONTHLY PATTERN of SERVICES at ALL SAINTS' and St GODWALD'S:

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: 8.00 am** Holy Communion CW at All Saints'  
**10.30am** Joint Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's  
**6.00 pm** Evening Gathering on Zoom

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 9.00am** Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion CW at All Saints'  
**10.30am** Family Service at St Godwald's  
**6.00 pm** Evening Gathering on Zoom.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: 8.00 am** Holy Communion CW at All Saints.  
**10.30am** Holy Communion CW at St Godwald's  
**10.30 am** Morning Worship at All Saints'.  
**6.00 pm** Evening Gathering on Zoom

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 9.00 am** Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's  
**10.30 am** Holy Communion CW at All Saints'.  
**10.30 am** Morning Worship at St Godwald's.  
**6.00 pm** Evening Gathering on Zoom.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Team Service** in various churches.

**First Saturday: 5.00pm Soul and Sense** at All Saints'

**Last Saturday: 5.00pm Café Church** at St Godwald's

## ALL SAINTS'

### WEEKLY CHATTERY MEETINGS in the Church Hall

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

Everyone is welcome to join the chatting and to  
enjoy a hot drink. You can also join in quizzes, board games or jigsaws if  
you wish.

It is a warm, friendly group of a wide range of ages. Further details  
from Tessa Carrick on 01527 873135.



### 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](mailto:ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk)



### MOTHERS' UNION

**Please note the change of venue from January 15<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**CHURCH HEATING:** The Church Council has met and agreed to cap the  
temperature of the church at 13 degrees for the autumn and winter  
months. This is simply because we cannot afford to pay more.

Although the heating will be on, at times the church will feel cool and  
possibly even cold. Please dress appropriately and feel free to bring a  
blanket or hot water bottle with you. Thank you! David.

**SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE** due to be at All Saints' on 17<sup>th</sup>  
December at 10.30 am

**Unfortunately, this service has been cancelled!**



### **ALL SAINTS' BAZAAR**

Despite the dreadful weather on Saturday the bazaar was a big success and raised **£1058**. A lot of people came and supported us and there was a good atmosphere with a lot of new faces.

Many thanks to everyone for supporting this event and for everyone 's hard work. Special thanks to Barbara Murphy for masterminding the whole thing.

Thank you everyone!

### **MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

Please, no more milk bottle tops, thank you!

Barbara

## **ST GODWALD'S**

### **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December - TOTWALDS**

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**.

**TUESDAY WALKS** meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

The next walk is on **12<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00 am** 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.

Communion Services will be on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays and Morning Worship on the alternate Wednesdays.

### **ST GODWALD'S COMMUNITY CAFÉ:**

The Community Café is open *every alternate Friday*. The next café will be **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 10.00 am until 12 noon.

No charge but donations always very welcome



### **PATTERN of SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

The pattern of Sunday morning worship at St Godwald's will change slightly with effect from 1 January 2024. Following the very successful joint Eucharists held on the first Sunday of each month at St Godwald's, we will be introducing a parallel joint Eucharist at All Saints on the second Sunday of each month. This joint service at All Saints will replace the Family Service that has occupied the 10.30 slot at St Godwald's in recent years.

Huge thanks to Kerstin for leading this service in recent times; Kerstin will now be concentrating her worship leading on Café

Church. All other services at St Godwald's will remain unchanged.  
David Ford.

**A MESSAGE from RICHARD:**

Dear Friends,

Many of you will have heard the announcement made in church last Sunday, that Kath and I will soon be moving to the Bowbrook Group, where I shall be licensed as Rector. Although the reality of a move has been looming for a little while now, I'm surprised by just how quickly it's happened over the last month or so. As ever, I'm catching up!

Bowbrook is a Benefice of eight churches, across five Parishes, stretching from Tibberton & Oddingley in the west to Hanbury in the north, Stock & Bradley Green in the east and Crowle & Bredicot in the south; roughly in the middle of all of these are Himbleton & Huddington. My friend Nick, a curate in Derby Diocese, is convinced that I'm making some of these names up!

The timescale of the move is yet to be finalised, but Archdeacon Nikki thinks we will be there before Easter, and as it's an early Easter next year, 31<sup>st</sup> March, I'd guess that we'll be leaving Bromsgrove sometime in mid-February and will be licensed in mid-March. But this is all still to be confirmed.

The overwhelming feeling is that it feels like no time at all since we were welcomed to Bromsgrove, and what a welcome it has been! I am so very grateful to you all for your kindness and your support as I have felt my way into ordained ministry. Bromsgrove felt like home very quickly, and I shall forever hold you in my heart; if there is an example of how best to present a Christian welcome to someone, then Kath and I have received it here.

God's blessing and all love to you all,

***Richard***

**St Godwald's and All Saints' Services for remainder of December:**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December:**

**3.00 pm St Godwald's: Ramblers' Carol Service** led by Rev'd Margaret Woodgates.



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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve**

**10.00 am All Saints': Holy Communion for Advent 4 (said)** led by Rev'd Sue Humphries.

**3.00 pm St. Godwald's: Crib and Christingle Service** led by Rev'd Richard Sandland.

**3.30 pm All Saints': Crib Service** led by Rev'd David Ford.

**11.30 pm St. Godwald's: Midnight Communion** led by Rev'd David Ford.



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**25<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Day**  
**10.00 am St. Godwald's:**  
**Morning Worship for Christmas**  
led by Rev'd David Ford.



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas 1**  
**10.00 am St. Godwald's: Team Eucharist** led by Rev'd Richard Sandland.



The  
**NATIVITY  
EXPERIENCE**

**This Christmas, journey back in time to a world of wonder, faith and the birth of a miracle**

Join us at Top Barn and immerse yourself in a world of wise men, shepherds and angels with our **interactive walk-around** nativity experience.

The Nativity experience is running over two weekends in December, with multiple sessions available for booking throughout the evening.

It's perfect for **all ages** as an opportunity to come together, rediscover the **true meaning of Christmas** and create memories to last a lifetime, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Approx. 1hr  
Staggered  
timings between

**4-8pm**

**Adults - £14**

**Children - £8**

**Under 3s - Free**

**Families - £39**

2 adults 2 children

**Includes  
hot drink +  
tractor ride!**

Due to uneven ground, the event is sadly not wheelchair or pram accessible  
Please bring warm clothing and a torch



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You are invited to a  
Christmas Afternoon Tea  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Bromsgrove Baptist Church  
12:30pm~3:00pm



To book your meal please contact:  
Clare Neal 07586 525724  
[cn@thehubbromsgrove.org](mailto:cn@thehubbromsgrove.org)

## **CONTACT DETAILS:**



### **Revd David Ford - Team Rector**

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*David's day off is from 5.00 pm Thursday to Friday evening.*



### **Revd Richard Sandland - Curate**

2 Verona Road, B60 2SS

Mobile: 07970 068150

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*Richard's day off is from 5.00 pm Wednesday until  
Thursday evening.*

### **Lauren Jones – Parish Administrator**

**(For all enquiries including the booking of Church Halls)**

St Godwald's Office:

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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30am-2.30pm.

### **All Saints' Church Wardens:**

Sue Ward 0121 453 3180 and Sue Bryant 01527 835728

### **All Saints' Organist and Choirmaster**

Ollie Neale, email: [ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ollie.neale@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Information for the Newsletter:**

Please let me have any news or items for next week's Newsletter from either St Godwald's or All Saints' by 12 noon on Tuesday, Thank you,  
Catherine Maund: [cmaund1@sky.com](mailto:cmaund1@sky.com)

