



ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S
SUNDAY 17th December 2023
The Third Sunday of Advent



Prayer for the Week

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 17th 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 David Ford. **(unfortunately, this will not be zoomed)**

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Next Week's Services:

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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 27th at 5pm** (and every last Saturday of the month).

DATES for the DIARY!

FRIENDS' of ST GODWALD – Unfortunately, this event has had to be cancelled!

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

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

1st 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

2nd Sunday: 9.00am Holy Communion BCP at St Godwald's
10.30 am Joint Holy Communion CW at All Saints'
6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom.

3rd 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

4th 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.

5th Sunday: Team Service in various churches.

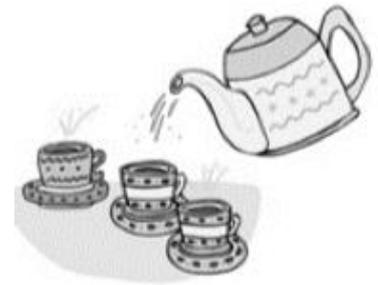
First Saturday: 5.00pm Soul and Sense at All Saints'

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



MOTHERS' UNION

Please note the change of venue from January 15th

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 temperature of the church will be capped 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.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Please, no more milk bottle tops, thank you!
Barbara

MISSION STALL

All Saints Sunday 14th January. There will be a Mission Stall in the hall after the service to re home all those Christmas items that are no longer wanted or presents that weren't what you quite wanted!

ST GODWALD'S

MONDAY 18th 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

The next walk is on **9th January 2024 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 3rd 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 5th January 2024** 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.

David Ford.

JAMS!



Margaret would like to thank everyone who has bought her home-made jam; £250 has been banked this week for St Godwald.

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

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25th December: Christmas Day

10.00 am St. Godwald's:

Morning Worship for Christmas

led by Rev'd David Ford.



Sunday 31st December: Christmas 1

10.00 am St. Godwald's: Team Eucharist led by Rev'd Richard Sandland.



CTIB Annual Christmas Carol Singing

**Saturday December 16th at 11:00am – 11:45am
outside Iceland in Bromsgrove**

Please come along and join us singing some traditional carols. Let's show Bromsgrove people the power of the Lord and what Christmas really means.

All are welcome. Please wrap up warmly.

See you then.

Blessings

Hilda Roxborough

**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.

<p>Approx. 1hr Staggered timings between 4-8pm</p>	<p>Adults - £14 Children - £8 Under 3s - Free Families - £39 <small>2 adults 2 children</small></p>	<p>Includes hot drink + tractor ride!</p>
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Due to uneven ground, the event is sadly not wheelchair or pram accessible
Please bring warm clothing and a torch

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE
WWW.4FRONT-THEATRE.COM

CONTACT DETAILS:



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



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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

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