



**ALL SAINTS' AND ST GODWALD'S  
SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup>  
December 2023**

**Please note that this Newsletter  
covers two weeks!**



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Prayer for the Week**

Almighty God,  
as we prepare with joy  
to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,  
embrace the earth with your glory  
and be for us a living hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 Kerstin MacDonald and Rev'd**  
**Richard Sandland.**

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

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

**11.30 pm All Saints': Midnight Communion** led by Rev'd Richard  
Sandland.



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



Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at  
Bethlehem draws us to kneel in  
wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our  
eternal God.

## **The 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 31<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas 1**

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

### **Next Week's Services:**

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January: The Epiphany**

**5.00 pm All Saints': Soul and Senses Service** led by Rev'd Debra Buckley

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January: Baptism of Christ**

**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 David Ford

**Zoom ID: 712 824 8561**

**6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom** led by Rev'd David Ford.

**Zoom ID: 247 411 5267, Passcode 390209**

### **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).

### **A MESSAGE from CAROLINE SPENCER**

I would like to give my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all for their continued love and prayers for John's full recovery in Hospital.

God bless,  
Caroline

## **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 Joint Holy Communion CW at All Saints'  
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

### **100 CLUB**

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

If anyone would like to join or would like more numbers, please contact Margaret Eurell-Dixon.

## 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 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**

### **TOTWALDS is on their Christmas break and will be back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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 **9<sup>th</sup> 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January: The Epiphany**

**5.00 pm All Saints': Soul and Senses Service** led by Rev'd Debra Buckley

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January: Baptism of Christ**

**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'** Rev'd David Ford

**6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom** led by Rev'd David Ford.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany 2**

**9.00 am St. Godwald's: Holy Communion (BCP)** led by Richard Sandland.

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

**6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom** led by Rev'd David Ford.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Epiphany 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

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

**6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom** led by Judith Rowe.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January: Conversion of St Paul**

**6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**5.00 pm St. Godwald's: Pizza (Café Church)** led by Rev'd David Ford and Kerstin MacDonald

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany 4**

**10.00 am All Saints': Team Holy Communion** – Rev'd Richard Sandland's leaving Service

**6.00 pm Evening Gathering on Zoom** led by Rosemary Sumner.

## **RICHARD SANDLAND**

**Rev'd Richard Sandland's leaving service** will be on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** a **10am Team Eucharist** at **All Saints'** followed by a buffet lunch in All Saints' Church Hall. Please encourage as many people as possible to attend both. Invitations to contribute to the lunch will follow presently.

We will be making a collection for Richard and Kath as a farewell gift. Please invite these as follows:

**Direct bank payments** to PCC Team account – Using reference '**Sandland**'. This is the preferred option please and the relevant bank details are below.

**Cheques** should be made payable please to St Godwald's PCC and passed to David Ford, Sharon Charles or Margaret Eurell-Dixon for banking

**Cash** should be counted and recorded separately to the usual cash collections before being banked by each DCC. Please inform Sharon of the totals raised so these sums can be transferred to the PCC Team Account.

**Please ensure donations are received no later than Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.**

Thank you!

**David Ford**

Account Name: **Bromsgrove Parochial Church Council Team**

Bank: **HSBC Bromsgrove**

Sort Code: **40-15-07**

Account No. **62003023**

**From Bishop Martin's Office:**

This comes to confirm that Bishop Martin will be pleased to license The Rev'd Richard Sandland as Rector of the Bowbrook Group on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 4.00 pm.

The venue will be confirmed in due course.

**NOW IS THE TIME**

Now is the time to stop and wait, till Christmas Day that birth so great  
Now is the time to remember where the baby lay, in a manger full of  
hay

Now is the time to remember why, we celebrate the baby boy

Now is the time to think of Mary, very young and very weary

Now is the time say thank you, to Joseph helping Mary through

Now is the time to feel their pain, doors slammed on them yes once  
again

Now is the time to look around, seeing many people on the ground

Now is the time in pockets deep, to give the money for them to sleep

Now is the time before we feed, to give to others with greater need

Now is the time to pray that we, can see beyond our Christmas Tree

Now is the time for "HOPE" this year, for some who have no joy, or  
cheer

Now is the time to give some more, remembering who the day is for

Now is the time to close your eyes, and look into the starry skies

Now is the time to say, "Well done", to God for giving us his Son

Now is the time to remember too, that Jesus lived and died for you

Now is the time to say Thank you if you have more than others do

Now is the time of the shepherd's joy when they heard about the baby  
boy

Now is the time to hear the story, that one of never-ending glory

*Judith Rowe*

## **CONTACT DETAILS:**



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

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Phone: 01527 873831    Mobile: 07973 412625

*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

Email: [richardjsandland@btinternet.com](mailto:richardjsandland@btinternet.com)

*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:

01527 577759

[pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com](mailto:pa.bromsgroveparish@gmail.com)

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)

Wishing everyone a  
Holy and Blessed Christmas

and a  
Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

