



The Parish of Gornal and Sedgley

Registered Charity Number
1179471



**All Saints' Sedgley, St Andrew the Straits
and St Peter Upper Gornal**

**NOTICE SHEET - Sunday 29th November 2020
Advent Sunday**

SHARED WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Lockdown will end on the 2nd December. Although Dudley will be in tier 3, services in church can and will resume from Wednesday the 2nd December.

Regarding Places of Worship and Tier 3 the Government say:

- places of worship remain open, but you must not attend with or socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble while you are there, unless a legal exemption applies
- weddings and funerals can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees – 15 people can attend wedding ceremonies, wedding receptions are not allowed, 30 people can attend funeral ceremonies, 15 people can attend linked commemorative events.

As always very strict hygiene will be followed to ensure we are Covid-19 safe.

FOR SERVICES THIS SUNDAY THE 29th November – Advent Sunday we are still in Lockdown:

We are unable to meet for public services this Sunday however our buildings can open for private prayer and of course continue on Zoom.

For Zoom services and meetings an invitation will be sent to all 3 email News Groups.

Sundays

9.30am St Andrews Church open for private prayer

9.30am On Zoom - Holy Communion for the whole parish

10.30am All Saints Church open for private prayer

10.30am St Peters Church Hall open for private prayer.

11.45 Zoom coffee morning, bring your own coffee to your computer and meet up with some of your church friends; for about 30 minutes.

6.30pm Compline night prayer on zoom, about 20 minutes. A quiet and reflective service.

Parish Prayers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

9.15am zoom, an informal time of prayer where we share the Gospel reading for the day and pray for about 15 minutes.

The Fellowship Group takes place each week at 8pm on zoom, all are welcome, an invitation will be sent to the newsgroup. We will be following a Christmas theme over the next 4 Thursdays.

Monthly Prayer will continue on Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month Tuesday 8th December at 2.30pm and the fourth Tuesday at 7.30pm on zoom 22nd December.

December Services.
Our Churches can reopen for Public Worship.

All Services in Church in December need to be booked if possible during the week between the hours of 10 and 12.30. Please ring Gail on 01902 540289 or email admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk.

Alternatively, on a weekend please contact the clergy.

You can come along without booking but, especially for the Christmas services, there may not be a seat!

Face coverings must be worn, and 2m social distancing kept. We can still not sing at the moment but can have music.

If you cannot make a service that you have booked, please phone or email if at all possible. Thank you for your patience!

Wednesday 2nd December

10am St Peters Holy Communion

Sunday 6th December

9.30am St Andrews Holy Communion

10.30am St Peters Morning Prayer

10.30am All Saints Holy Communion
(also available on Zoom)

6.30pm Compline Night Prayer (on Zoom only) - about 20 minutes. A quiet and reflective service.

Wednesday 9th December

10am St Peters Holy Communion

Sunday 13th December

- 9.30am St Andrews Morning Prayer
- 10.30am St Peters Holy Communion
- 10.30am All Saints Holy Communion (also on zoom)
- 4pm Christingle Preparation – how to make a Christingle (on Zoom and Facebook live)
- 6.30pm Compline (Only on Zoom)

Wednesday 16th December

- 10am St Peters Holy Communion

Sunday 20th December

- 8am All Saints Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Andrews Carol Service
- 10.30am St Peters Carols and Communion
- 10.30am All Saints Carols and Communion (also on zoom)
- 6.30pm Compline (zoom)

Wednesday 23rd December

- 10am St Peters Communion

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

- 4pm Christingle (On Zoom and Facebook live)
- 11.15pm St Andrews Midnight Mass
- 11.15pm All Saints Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.30am All Saints Holy Communion (also on Zoom)

10am St Peters Holy Communion

Sunday 27th December

10.30am All Saints Holy Communion (also on zoom)

6..30pm Compline (Only on Zoom)

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK A PLACE FOR SERVICES IN CHURCH.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.15am on Zoom - Parish Prayers, an informal time of prayer where we share the Gospel reading for the day and pray for about 15 minutes.

The Fellowship Group takes place each week on Thursday evening at 8pm on zoom, all are welcome; an invitation will be sent to the newsgroups. We will be following a Christmas theme over the next 4 Thursdays.

Monthly Prayer Meetings will continue on Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month - Tuesday 8th December at 2.30pm and the fourth Tuesday at 7.30pm on Zoom - 22ND December 7.30pm.

SAFETY IN GATHERING FOR WORSHIP IS OUR PRIORITY.

- ALL 3 CHURCHES HAVE BEEN SET UP FOR 2 METRE SOCIAL DISTANCING
- HAND SANTISER WILL BE USED ON ENTERING AND LEAVING THE CHURCHES
- FACE MASKS **MUST BE WORN** IN CHURCH UNLESS YOU ARE EXEMPT
- ANY SEATS USED WILL BE CLEANED OR LEFT FOR 48 HOURS (OR REMOVED) BEFORE THEY ARE USED AGAIN
- PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE OR PRAYER BOOK AS NO BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH HOWEVER THERE WILL BE A LITURGY FOR THE PRAYER and HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES.

NOTICES FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

“COMING SOON - ALPHA ONLINE –

Hosted by Gornal and Sedgley Churches
In the new year we are excited to be part of this online Alpha course, in conjunction with other churches in the Gornal and Sedgley area. Watch out for more information in the coming weeks.

Please let Guy or Catherine know if you are interested.

There will be a course running on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday and Sunday evenings. See the local Alpha Facebook page where you can see the videos about Alpha at:

<https://www.facebook.com/gstryalpha/>

You can book a place (called a ticket) for one of the 3 courses at <https://gstryalpha.co.uk>

The Alpha course really is for everyone whether you have been a Christian all of your life or just for a short while or if you are simply asking questions about life and faith!

Why not try the course from the comfort of your own home!!



PROVISION HOUSE – Would you like to volunteer in your local community? Can you spare a few hours a week? Join us in our new venture at Provision House Food Club helping people in our community experiencing FOOD POVERTY to become more independent. Please call Volunteers Manager Kim on 0121 285 3970. Thank you.

ON-LINE CHILDREN'S RESOURCES –

The Diocese of Worcester CYD team have created some online interactive children's resources based on one of the Bible readings each week. They are to help children connect with the Bible and resources with Sunday school and children's clubs are not able to meet. The resources can be accessed using the QR code above, and can be used on phones and tablets in church or at home. The resources are also available via the Dioceses website.



CHURCH GROUPS: Currently all church groups including all children's and young people groups continue to be postponed.

NOTICE SHEET – if anyone has anything, they would like to share with the newsgroups please let us know. If you are aware of people at the moment that may benefit from receiving this notice sheet and the readers sheet, please let Gail know.

SPRINGS FOOD BANK - Food can be delivered to Springs Food Bank **on Mondays 10am to 12 noon:**

SPRINGS, Upper Gornal Methodist Church, Kent Street, Upper Gornal, DY3 1YB.

PLEASE NOTE – You can leave donations of food on the table outside All Saints Rectory each day.

If you would like to make a cash donation you can do so on the Black Country Food Bank web site at:

<https://www.blackcountryfoodbank.org.uk> or you could put a cash donation clearly marked through the All Saints Vicarage door.

ADVICE FOR CHURCHES RE THE CORONAVIRUS

You can find full details of the current advice to churches on the internet at this address:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

**PLEASED BE ASSURED OF OUR PRAYERS AND DO NOT
HESITATE TO BE IN CONTACT WITH THE MINISTRY TEAM.**

**Further updates on the pandemic and our new ways of being
church will occur in the coming weeks. We are grateful for
your patience and prayers at this time.**

MINISTRY TEAM CONTACTS

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Safety for all at Christmas.
2. All those whose decisions effect the lives of others, especially the Government, all in Parliament and our Local Authorities.
3. All our children, especially those who are vulnerable, our schools, colleges and universities and all our teachers and educators.
4. Those returning to work in very different circumstances.
5. Those who have lost their work or are in fear of this happening.
6. All of our NHS and Care Workers.
7. All researchers and scientists developing vaccines and for the safe and just giving of vaccines.
8. All of our emergency services and essential workers
9. All who are providing our food from production to sale
10. Our local Food Bank – Springs and those they serve
11. All who are struggling with isolation
12. All who are struggling with their mental health
13. All who are ill, bereaved, or suffering, those known to us and those who are unknown to us, that they may feel the closeness of the Lord's healing heart and His comforting arms around them.
14. All who continue to seek to re-open businesses.
15. Funeral Directors and all who are taking funeral services and all who are seeking to give bereavement support and care.
16. Our church community as we journey through the winter months.
17. For our Diocese as we seek a way forward with the restructuring of the Diocese.


PARISH OFFICE

Gail will be contactable in the parish office from Monday to Friday 10-12.30pm. Can I ask that nobody comes to the office between these hours unless an appointment has been made in advance, in which case I can see you at a safe distance in the community room. My email address is:
admin@allsaintssedgley.co.uk

Can items for the notice sheet be sent to me by Wednesday 12.30pm please. Thank you, Gail.

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