



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 24th January 2021

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany
in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

SHARED WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Following the recent dramatic rise in Covid 19 infections and the new more contagious corona virus variant the decision not to open our church buildings for our normal Sunday and weekday worship has been made by the Parish Standing Committee. We do understand that this is not easy for some people but believe it is the right decision at the moment. We will keep this decision under regular review.

We will however continue services online as detailed below. For Zoom services and meetings an invitation will be sent to all 3 email News Groups.

SERVICES TODAY SUNDAY 24th JANUARY 2021

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| 10.30am | All Saints - Holy Communion (also on Zoom and Facebook live.) |
| 11.45am | Coffee Morning on Zoom |
| 6.30pm | Compline - only on Zoom |

**SERVICES FROM ALL SAINTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE
ON FACEBOOK LIVE AND ZOOM.**

This link will take you to the Church of England online resources:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online>

This includes a weekly Sunday service and other prayer resources.

This week is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. In the link here you can find meditations and prayers for each day of the week:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WPCU-2021-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf.pagespeed.ce.SnR5lgw9dp.pdf>

DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE

You can also access services at Daily Hope, which is a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone. 0800 804 8044.

Parish Prayers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

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

The Fellowship Group which normally takes place each week at 8pm on Zoom, on Thursday will not be meeting whilst the Alpha course is running. There is still space on the Alpha course and you are warmly invited to attend!

NOTICES FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

ALPHA ONLINE hosted by Gornal and Sedgley Churches –on Tuesday afternoons and also on Thursday and Sunday evenings. It is not too late to join the course, please let Guy or Catherine know if you are interested, or alternatively you can book directly on the web site address below.



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>

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

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.

FUNERAL – the funeral of the late George Kenneth Noble will take place at Gornal Wood on Wednesday 27th January at 1pm followed by the funeral of Margaret Probin, Gornal Wood at 3.30pm. On Friday 29th January the funeral of the late Margaret Breeze will take place at Gornal Wood, 2.30pm.

Our thoughts and prayers go to all of their families at this especially difficult time.

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 in the box 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.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The **Church of England's latest advice** can be found at www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus where the FAQs are regularly updated.

LENT 2021 – ASH WEDNESDAY IS THE 17TH FEBRUARY

The Church of England's Lent resources theme for 2021 is entitled **LiveLent: God's story, Our Story.**

It is based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, *Living His Story* by Hannah Steele, [published on 19 November by SPCK.](#)

Both the book and the accompanying daily reflections encourage all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives.

[More information and resources](#)

VIRTUAL DIOCESAN PASSION PLAY

Following the success of our diocesan Christmas carol, we are looking for volunteers to be a part of a virtual Diocesan Passion Play. There will be a range of roles available, big and small, speaking and non-speaking. Details will be available on our website soon, but in the meantime please do get in touch with James to express an interest. We will require participants to film themselves at home and send in their videos which will then be edited together in time for Palm Sunday. Parishes will be welcome to use the final film in their own services.

NEW DEANERY FOR GORNAL AND SEDGLEY

As part of the Diocesan restructuring, at the end of February, our parish will become part of a newly formed Deanery called 'The Greater Dudley Deanery' which is a bringing together of Kingswinford, Stourbridge and Dudley. It is hoped that this will enable us to work more closely with a wider group of parishes. Please pray for the new relationships which will form and please pray for the new Area Dean, whose name is yet to be announced.

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 as we move forward. We are grateful for your patience and prayers at this time.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Safety for all.
2. All who are struggling with isolation
3. All who are struggling with their mental health
4. All those whose decisions effect the lives of others, especially the Government, all in Parliament and our Local Authorities.
5. All our children, especially those who are vulnerable, our schools, colleges and universities and all our teachers and educators and everyone who is home schooling.
6. Those working in very different and difficult circumstances.
7. For all those on furlough.
8. Those who have lost their work or are in fear of this happening.
9. All of our NHS and Care Workers.
10. All researchers and scientists developing vaccines and for the safe giving of vaccines.
11. All of our emergency services and essential workers
12. All who are providing our food from production to sale
13. Our local Food Bank – Springs and those they serve

14. 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.
15. All who continue to seek to re-open businesses.
16. Funeral Directors and all who are taking funeral services and all who are seeking to give bereavement support and care.
17. Our church community as we journey through the winter months towards Spring.
18. For our Diocese as we seek a way forward with the restructuring of the Diocese, and for our new Deanery, The Greater Dudley Deanery.


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.

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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