



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 28th February 2021
The Second Sunday of Lent**

SHARED WORSHIP THIS WEEK

For our safety our church buildings remain closed for public worship. We do understand that this is not easy but continue to believe it is the right decision at the moment. We keep this decision under regular review.

We will 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 28th February 2021

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

LENT SERVICES

On every Wednesday evening through Lent there will be a service of Compline available at **6:30pm** via Zoom. The service is quiet and reflective and always lead by someone from the team which allows those attending to simply be present.

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.

DAILY HOPE PHONE LINE

You can continue to 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 PARISH PRAYER MEETING will happen on Tuesday the 9th March at 2.30pm and then Tuesday the 23rd March at 7.30pm.

NOTICES FOR THE WHOLE PARISH

FUNERALS – the funeral of the late Alice Maud Worton will take place in All Saints on Thursday 4th March at 10.15am.

At Gornal Wood also on the 4th March, 12.30pm, the funeral of the late Norma Suzanne Bosly.

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

OPENING OUR BUILDINGS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP - OUR PCC MEETING

Following the Prime Ministers announcement on the 22nd February of a Road Map for the opening of England from lockdown, the PCC will meet on the 6th March to discuss when and how we should reopen the Parish of Gornal and Sedgley for public church services and for community activities in our buildings. We will take into account Government, national church guidelines and advice from the Dudley MBC Director of Health. Please pray for the members of your PCC.

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS - In partnership with the Priory Road Community Pharmacy, St Francis' Parish Centre in Poplar Crescent, Dudley is opening up as a local Covid-19 vaccination centre. The plan is to open in February to vaccinate around 2,000 people a week. This is a community-led initiative, and we need 3 volunteers at a time, 7 days a week, 8am-8pm, mainly to help direct people safely in and out of the building. Ideally we need to fill four slots each day, 8am-11am; 11am-2pm; 2pm-5pm; 5pm-8pm. If you would like to volunteer, please email Alison Burton on amburton@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07594 993529 or call Guy or Catherine for further information.

ALPHA ONLINE hosted by Gornal and Sedgley Churches Together.
Please keep the participants and the leaders in your prayers

See the local Alpha Facebook page where you can see the videos about Alpha at:
<https://www.facebook.com/gstryalpha/>



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.

JOAN SMITH - it is with sadness that we note the death of Joan Smith, a stalwart of All Saints over many years. She will be remembered particularly for her work with the brownies, and supporting Doug in his captaincy of the bellringers. We send our thoughts and prayers to Sue, David and their families at this sad 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 Rectory door.

THANK YOU from everyone at Springs Foodbank for your continued support in donating food and money, and for your prayers. We give thanks to all our volunteers, and especially over the last year, who have supported when they could. Due to the lockdown we have been limited to 4 or 5 volunteers instead of the usual 10. The amount of donations has been amazing, and well exceeds 2019. In 2020 we fed over 200 families from the local area. Our grateful thanks from everyone at Springs.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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

BISHOP JOHN'S LENT APPEAL

Bishop John's Lent Appeal this year will be for the Diocese of Peru where the Coronavirus pandemic has hit the people extremely hard.

Watch the Bishop's Lent Message above and [click here to read more and to donate.](#)

CATHEDRAL LENT TALKS

Join live on the [Worcester Cathedral Facebook page](#) for a series of talks exploring place and places. Each Facebook session will start at 10am. There will then be a conversation about the week's theme at 11am on Zoom.

To join the Zoom sessions please [register your interest here](#).

LENT REFLECTIONS FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Each Sunday of Lent we will be sharing a video reflection on the website and our social media channels. Bishop Martin starts us off this Sunday, followed by different people from across the diocese throughout the rest of Lent. We hope you find these useful and insightful. The Diocesan Web Site can be found here: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk>

LENT BOOKS 2021 –

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](#)

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE IS MOVING -

Diocesan Secretary, John Preston, talks about when and why the diocesan office is moving.

As you're probably aware, for many years the Diocesan Office has been located in the Old Palace. It's a wonderful building, and it's been a real privilege to work in such a beautiful place. However, it's also been expensive to operate, and it's really important that we support mission and ministry around the diocese as cost-effectively as we can.

In 2019, Diocesan Synod agreed that we should look to move if it would generate very substantial savings and we couldn't work out a way to share the Old Palace with our landlords, the Dean and Chapter. Sadly, sharing the office wasn't feasible and we came to the conclusion that moving was the right thing to do. It will save around £200,000 a year – enough to cover the costs of three full-time clergy posts around the diocese.

So where are we going? We've not found the right long term home, but for the next three to five years, I can reveal that we are staying in central Worcester, but moving to Lowesmoor Wharf. We're taking out a lease on this building here – formerly occupied by the Heart of Worcestershire College.

The pandemic makes it difficult to be certain about timings, but we're working to a May date for the move. The new office will have less of a need for caretaking, reception and cleaning, and sadly it's quite possible that some roles will become redundant. We have started a process of consultation with those affected – please do pray for them and for this process.

Wherever we are located, as a diocesan support hub, our core purpose remains – to serve you, the wider diocese, as best we can, to enable your mission and ministry to be as fruitful as possible.

NEW DEANERY FOR GORNAL AND SEDGLEY

As part of the Diocesan restructuring our parish has 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, who is the Reverend Canon David Hoskin. Two people have been appointed as Sub Deans and they are the Reverend Rachel Newell and the Reverend Andrew Silas - please keep David, Andrew and Rachel in your prayers as they settle into their new roles.

**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 continue to 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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