



Dear all,

As I write this, there are various reports in the News about what December and Christmas will look like for us this year. The good news is that people will be able to attend Church services in person once again, socially distanced of course – Hoorah!

Be assured that the live-streaming of all events will continue to enable everyone to enjoy them! Remember you can also watch earlier streamed services on the church's website catch up service by [clicking here](#) or visiting the "Online Church / Service Videos" page.

Even with various restrictions still in place, Christmas would continue to be celebrated by the Church regardless, because the Christian message of Christmas is about Hope – Hope that has a name and whose name is Jesus. Christmas is a time when the Church reminds the world that Jesus, God's own Son, was sent into the world to show everyone just how much God truly loves us.

The good news of Christmas is that no one is beyond the love of God. From the outcasts to the celebrities of every culture, God's love is for all without exception. What is even better is that it doesn't depend on whether you've been 'naughty or nice', God's love is freely given, but it is a gift that requires us to respond to it. So, what is our response? Do we choose to receive God's love?

#### Church News:

- **The Weekly Challenge Returns**  
During Advent & Christmas, the Weekly Challenge is back! Don't forget about this week's challenge. For more details and to see all the challenges coming up, [click here](#).
- **Join us on Zoom 'Zoffee and Zea' this Sunday**  
Enjoy a time of catching up with each other at 11:30am on Zoom this Sunday. Please contact me for further information.

- **Christmas 2020 @ St Mary's**  
[Click here](#) to view both the Christmas Services taken place at St Mary's and some Christmas videos to feed the soul – do enjoy these!

Family Christmas Videos can be viewed by [clicking here.](#)

- **World Mission Update**  
The latest newsletter from **Spring of Hope** is available by [clicking here.](#)
- **Operation Christmas Child – Christmas Shoeboxes**  
A reminder, Christmas Shoeboxes need to be delivered to the vicarage by Monday. Alternatively, you can complete a box online (cost £20) by [clicking here.](#)
- **Sunday's Service**  
This Sunday's service includes Communion so if you wish to get yourself ready for this at home, please do. The service will be live-streamed as usual, but with a few service participants in attendance only. Please do join the service on either Facebook or YouTube, or watch on Catch Up (details below).  
  
Attendance at both Sunday & Wednesday Services resumes from 6 December.
- **Catch up Services**  
Remember you can catch up on any streamed services on the Church's Website. [Click here](#) to discover this.
- **Wednesday's Private Prayer**  
During lockdown, the Church is open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays from 9am-11am. Just turn up or [book your ticket here.](#)

Under Aslan's paw,

Tim  
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