



CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE 23rd December 2020 to 3rd January 2021

Services:

- 4pm Christmas Eve Crib Service**
- 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Communion**
- 10.30am Christmas Day**
- 10.30am Sunday 27th December**
- 10.30am Sunday 3rd January Epiphany**

We are allowed to open the church building for public worship and invite those who wish to join us for services on Sunday. Please be aware if you do intend joining us that singing is still not allowed inside, and that due to the tier 3 regulations we cannot gather before or after the service in the church building or surrounding areas. All services will continue to be available online as well as “open door” for those who do wish to attend in person.

Daily Hope - bringing Comfort and Joy to many: Daily Hope is a free telephone line offering hymns, prayers, reflections and church services from The Church of England. It is aimed at over 75's who do not access the internet. If you are feeling lonely or isolated, you may find this helpful. **Tel: 0800 804 8044**

A Message from the Todorovs' in Varna Bulgaria: We wish you a very happy Christmas and in 2021 to experience the Lord's blessings and closeness. The humble and lowly birth of our Saviour for us is reflected in the unloved, unwanted babies and young children with special needs here in Varna with the imminent closure of the large orphanage here. The local government have asked us as a church to support the foster carers looking after these precious lives that go unseen and ignored. It is our privilege to serve the Lord in this way as we share His Light in a world of need. May each one of us share the Light of Jesus this Christmas to those who need it. With love from *George and Ann*

A message and update from the Keillers' in Thailand is attached

Our thanks....

Thank you so much for the donations you have kindly and generously made to the ministry of Holy Trinity throughout 2020. We really do appreciate your continued giving to our shared kingdom work. 2020 has been an exceedingly difficult year where we have not been able to meet regularly as a Church physically. We are thankful that we have been able to continue to be fed through the services on You Tube. We also really appreciate the time that many individuals within the Church team have taken to support the lonely, vulnerable and needy in our fellowship. Despite the unusual and difficult year we have experienced, the expenses of the Church still needed to be met and you have continued to support Holy Trinity Church throughout 2020. We are truly thankful and grateful to all of you who have continued to donate regularly and faithfully.

Also...if you think that you would be interested in changing from Envelopes to Standing Order, please contact me Rob Gray on 07710642787 at any time and I can ensure you receive a Standing Order Form to change over.

Prayer: The church building will only be open for services from Christmas day until Monday 5th January.

New Year prayers: Although over the Christmas period the Church is not open our prayer times continue:

Please join us at home or wherever you are 9.00 - 9.30am or on zoom from 7.00 pm Monday 4th to Friday 8th January, praying for 2021.

Monday 4th host Penny Church

Tuesday 5th host David Acheson

Wed 6th host Jon Speirs-Davies

Thurs 7th host Dennis Pain

Fri 8th host Lis & Ian Ward

Please contact the person responsible for each Zoom prayer meeting and they will send you the code for that evening.

Mission Focus: our focus for the next 3 weeks is: Mission Partners abroad, Environmental Issues and TearFund

Prayers: Please remember the following in your prayers over the coming weeks: Nigel, Martyn & Sharon, Sheila H, Steven B, Margaret P... others undergoing treatment, waiting for results and operations. Pray for overstretched NHS, carers and GP surgeries and for teachers that there will be some holiday time in the next couple of weeks. Pray for all who are disappointed at cancelled Christmas plans.

Church family update: Please note that the next update will be on Friday 8th January. The service sheet for this period are attached.

Our Christmas Collection this year is to be equally divided between RoadHoG and Tearfund if you would like to give to this, envelopes can be found on the welcome desk in the Church entrance or you are welcome to put an envelope through the Church office or Vicarage door clearly stating that the money is for the Christmas Collection



Church Office The church office will be closed until Tuesday 5th January, Nikki & Pam will then continue to work either from home or in the office. Any urgent questions should go to Lis & Ian Ward.