

Notices for 13th December 2020

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Pastoral Care: do contact the Pastoral Care group by email holycrosssharing@gmail.com or by contacting Matthew until further notice if you, or someone you know needs some help or would appreciate a phone call. Please use the same contact details to offer help.

Sunday Worship: it will be good to meet again for services at 8am, 9.30am (repeated at 11am) and 6pm. For the 9.30am and 11.00am services, please contact Anne Jerman on 01363 772865 or email: jerman@12blagdon.eclipse.co.uk for any changes to attendance or if you wish to attend for the first time. The 9.30am service will be live-streamed via the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CreditonParishChurch/>. It will then be available to view at any time.

Benefice Services on 13th December

At Crediton:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev M Tregenza
9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	Rev D Francis / Rev J Francis
11.00am Holy Communion (CW)	Rev D Francis / Rev J Francis

At Sandford:

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)	Rev P Fillery
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At Shobrooke:

11.00am Christingle Family Service	Mrs S Collier
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At Yeoford:

9.30am Holy Communion	Rev M Tregenza
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Private Prayer at Holy Cross has ceased following the re-opening of the church for Public Worship. Holy Trinity, Yeoford is open for Private Prayer from 9-15 till 9-45 every Monday morning.

Pew Garland: thanks to the Junior Choristers, Judy Borrow and Sister Act and Stella Stephens for making and organising our Christmas pew garlands.

More thank yous: in addition to all those mentioned last week, we should also thank Anne Jerman for all the work she does taking the bookings for services (among many other things). Thank you to Antonia for live-streaming the service every week, we know it is highly valued by those who are not able to be in church in person. Thank you also to Carol Price for all she does at Yeoford, with regular Zoom services.

There is a national Christingle service being streamed on Sunday 13th December and this will appear on the Holy Cross Facebook page from 3pm so we can all light our candles together.

Christmas Services: Bookings are now being taken for people wishing to attend Lessons and Carols on 19th and 20th December at 6pm; Midnight Mass on 24th December at 9.30pm or 11.30pm; Christmas Day 25th December at 10am; and Sunday 27th December at 9.30am. Please note that other than the 8am service, there is only one morning service on the 25th and 27th December. To book your place, please contact Anne Jerman on 01363 772865 or email: jerman@12blagdon.eclipse.co.uk.

The St Lawrence Chapel Carol Service will take place on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. The maximum number that will fit in the Chapel is 15 so pre-booking is essential. Please contact Sandra Collier on 01363 777013 or email sandracollier57@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Bell ringing: current guidance for Tier 2 states "No tower bell ringing other than by members of the same household, or single bells" which in our case means a maximum of two bells which we intend to do for Sunday services.

Free Phone Line with Hymns, Reflections and Prayers: The Daily Hope phone line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. It is run by the Church of England and includes daily hymns, reflections and prayers. Please share information about it with anyone you know who is not online.

Orders of service: thank you to those who have returned un-needed orders of service. There are probably more out there, so in order to avoid excessive printing costs, please would you look at home and return any of the Sunday morning booklets you don't need. There will be a box near the door for the booklets, which will be quarantined before going back into use. Please retain one copy of the booklet for your own use. Many thanks.

Help Support the Church when Shopping Online: there are ways to fundraise for the PCC at no cost to you. The PCC is registered with The Giving Machine and Amazon Smile and details of how to shop via their websites are on p. 16 of the November magazine.

Foodbank update: so far 70 Christmas hampers have been packed up with all the goodies people have donated and most have already gone out. Present needs are for tins of: sweetcorn, peas, carrots, tomatoes, spaghetti, ham, heat meals (stew, minced beef, chilli, curries, etc.), jars of cooking sauces (NOT curry), bolognese, sweet and sour, chicken tonight, etc., UHT Milk - blue and green, toilet rolls

Chutney for sale: there are jars of homemade chutney and apple jelly for sale in church. Please take a jar if you would like one with donations in aid of the PCC put in the wall safe behind the font.

Are you a knitter? Anne Jerman has been asked if any member of the church family could knit a partridge to go in a pear tree that someone is giving as a Christmas present. Pattern provided. There's no immediate rush as it's unlikely the gift will be made until February 2021 due to Covid restrictions. Please speak to Anne on 772865 if you can help - we know there are some skilled knitters out there!

Church Pigeon holes: due to current restrictions we are not able to use the pigeon holes at the moment. Please do not try to leave Christmas cards in the church or parish office.

In Search of Christmas trail... Go on a journey through Crediton and scan the QR codes to hear stories from others who went on a journey on the very first Christmas. The trail starts at CCC with an introductory video and then has clues at the Town Square, Newcombes Park and Holy Cross. Enjoy!

Laura Armstrong will be preaching at both the 9.30am and 11am Communion services on 20th December. Laura is both a Licensed Reader and also our Deanery Lay Chair, so it will be good for us to meet her.

Benefice Services on 20th December

At Crediton:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)	Preb P Rapsey
9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	Rev M Tregenza
11.00am Holy Communion (CW)	Rev M Tregenza
6.00pm Lessons & Carols	Rev M Tregenza

At Sandford:

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)	Rev P Fillery
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At Shobrooke:

4.00pm Carol Service	Mrs S Collier
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At Yeoford:

5.00pm Candle lit Carol Service	Mrs C Price
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