

Notices for 20th December 2020 – 3rd January 2021

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Pastoral Care: do contact the Pastoral Care group by email holycrosssharing@gmail.com or by contacting David Brassington, Pastoral Care Team Coordinator, on 01363 84914 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.

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.

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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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.

Christmas Services: Bookings are now being taken for people wishing to attend 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.

West Gallery Quire: Instead of the Carols by Candlelight service which the West Gallery Quire provides at St Lawrence Chapel most years, this year it will take place in Holy Cross Church on Sunday December 27th at 6pm. Please contact Clare Bainbridge by email at clareincrediton@gmail.com, or by phone on 07980 159508 to reserve a seat.

Epiphany Carols: we are planning to hold an Epiphany Carol service on Sunday 3rd January at 6.00pm. Please book a place with Anne Jerman, details above.

Thank you to everyone that has generously sustained their giving throughout the year and to those that have made additional donations. Everyone has contributed to keeping our church life going in so many ways during this difficult time.

Christmas Service booklets: please note that we will continue to use our usual orders of service during all services of Holy Communion over the Christmas period. Please bring your booklet along with you; there will be spare copies for any visitors.

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.

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.

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.

For Sale in church: there are chutneys, apple jelly, sweets, candy sticks and chocolate coins and footballs for sale in church. Please help yourself if you would like any of these items; put donations in aid of the PCC in the wall safe behind the font.

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.

The Christmas Tree Trail is still up and running in shop windows around the town; entries for the prize draw need to be returned by 3rd January. Further information and the entry form can be downloaded from the Christmas Tree Festival page on the church website <https://www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Treasure-Trail-Instruction-Sheet.pdf>

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!

Parish Office: the office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December – Monday 4th January inclusive. Please retain the notices with details of services for the next 2 weeks.

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.

A message from Ethel Robertson: Thank you to everyone for the prayers, love and support she has received, especially when she was in hospital. She is very grateful for the newsletters and magazines that continually arrived. She would like to wish all her friends a Happy Christmas, she is on the mend and looks forward to returning to Church when she is physically able.

Matthew and Antonia Tregenza would like to thank you for your kind Christmas greetings and wish you all happy, health and safe Christmas and New Year.

Benefice Services on Thursday 24th December

At Crediton:

4.30pm online Crib Service

9.30pm Midnight Mass (CW)

11.30pm Midnight Mass (CW)

Bishop of Crediton / Rev M Tregenza

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At Sandford:

4.00pm online Crib Service

9.30pm 1st Communion of Christmas (CW)

Rev P Fillery

At Yeoford:

4.00pm Outdoor Crib Service

9.00pm Holy Communion (CW)

Mrs C Price

Rev D Francis / Rev J Francis

Benefice Services on Friday 25th December

At Crediton:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Preb P Rapsey

Rev M Tregenza

At Sandford:

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Rev P Fillery

At Shobrooke:

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Preb P Rapsey

At Posbury:

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev D Francis

At Upton Hellions:

11.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev P Fillery

Benefice Services on Sunday 27th December

At Crediton:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Preb P Rapsey

Rev D Francis / Rev J Francis

At Sandford:

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Rev P Fillery

Benefice Services on Sunday 3rd January

At Crediton:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)

11.00am Holy Communion (CW)

6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service

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At Sandford:

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

Rev P Fillery

At Posbury:

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Rev D Francis



We wish everyone a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year