

## Notices for 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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**Pastoral Care:** do contact the Pastoral Care group by email [holycrosssharing@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

**Thank you:** as the church reopens, now seems the right time to give thanks to all the people that enable Sunday worship to take place - Matthew and the retired clergy; Mandy Tomlinson and her team of stewards and cleaners; the churchwardens and Steve Collier; and Richard and Stella Stephens, Peter and Jackie Gilks and the choir. Thanks to all our generous regular givers and those that have made additional donations - without your amazing financial support throughout this year, it would have been impossible to meet the bills and commitments necessary to keep the church running. The PCC is very grateful for everyone's generosity in so many ways. It is now possible to make a donation online, just click on the button on the website homepage and this will take you through to the donation page: <https://www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk/> Thank you all so much.

**The church will be open to visitors all day** on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 10am to 5.30pm. Light a candle, remember a loved one and purchase Christmas cards, decorations and gifts from the church shop. Don't forget to drop off your colouring competition and handmade cards too. The Christmas Tree Treasure Trail will also be available, we hope you will enjoy some Christmas 'Comfort and Joy'.

**Family Carols:** join us at 6pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December for readings and carols sung by Holy Cross Choir with the 'Big Tree' shining out for a light to the world. Prior booking for the Family Carols is preferred – please contact Anne Jerman (01363 772865 or email [jerman@12blagdon.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:jerman@12blagdon.eclipse.co.uk)) to book your place. For all of this, masks are required to be worn unless exempt and Covid secure arrangements will be in place. The 'Family Carols from Holy Cross' will be livestreamed on Facebook 6pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December and will include images from previous Christmas Tree Festivals along with words to carols so you can sing along at home.

**Online Christmas Tree Festival:** don't forget that alongside the carol services there are 2 competitions this year. The colouring competition is open to under 16s and the Christmas card competition is open to all. Full details can be found on p.7 of the November magazine and on the Tree Festival page on the church website. **The deadline for entries is 6<sup>th</sup> December.** <https://www.creditonparishchurch.org.uk/services/christmas-tree-festivals/>

**Christmas Services:** Bookings are now being taken for people wishing to attend Lessons and Carols on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm; Midnight Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30pm or 11.30pm; Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10am; and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Please note that other than the 8am service, there is only one morning service on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December. To book your place, please contact Anne Jerman on 01363 772865 or email: [jerman@12blagdon.eclipse.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sandracollier57@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

**Drop-in:** I am afraid this has to be cancelled till further notice due to the latest restrictions on the use of the Boniface Centre. Sue Lavery.

**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.

**Crediton Foodbank:** donations are continuing to flood in so thank you everyone. Present gaps are: orange and apple juice, tinned fruit, cat food and orange squash.

**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.

**Takeaway Christingle on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 10-12:** The church will be open on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December for collection of takeaway Christingles. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones. The Christingle takeaway is free but all donations will go to The Children's Society. There is a national Christingle service being streamed on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December and this will appear on the Holy Cross Facebook page from 3pm so we can all light our candles together.

**Online Crib Service recruitment:** if you are aged between 7 and 14 or know someone that is .. we would normally be recruiting for the nativity play but this year due to COVID the service will be streamed at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve. We are looking for children who would like to participate in the singing - NB due to safeguarding you will be heard and not seen. If you would be interested please contact Gill in the office (email [admin@creditonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@creditonparishchurch.org.uk))

**Deanery News:** within Cadbury Deanery, the two Mission Communities of North Creedy West and East are currently in vacancy. This gives a perfect opportunity to reassess ministry in the Deanery and look at how we might best provide a Christian presence and ministry in each local community that is both creative and sustainable. There is a proposal to form a Rural Ministry Hub, centered on Crediton, which is both challenging and exciting as we explore new ideas and vision for rural ministry. More detail will follow in the coming weeks.

**A Vision for the Church of England in the 2020s:** The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, has been outlining a new vision for the Church of England, in which he calls for the Church to be "simpler, humbler and bolder". The three new strategic priorities for the Church are around being a church of missionary disciples, a church where the mixed ecology of many forms of church is the norm, and a church which is younger and more diverse. Read more here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/emerging-church-england/vision-church-england-2020s> The Archbishop unveiled the new vision at the first ever online meeting of the General Synod this week.

**Ecclesiastical Insurance is giving 120 charities £1,000 from 7 to 12 December.** Please think about nominating Holy Cross as the church is facing a considerable financial deficit at the end of the year. The church has been registered on the Ecclesiastical website and to vote please click on the link, scroll down and fill in your details on the nomination form <https://www.movementforgood.com/12days/index.php?cn=1129124&ct=church> Please share this as widely as possible.

**Churches in Devon** are being asked to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse by taking part in the Mothers' Union #NoMore1in3 action campaign from 25 Nov – 10 Dec. The Diocese of Exeter will promote resources each day on its Facebook page with a video message from Bishop Jackie on launch day. Chris Keppie, the Diocesan Church and Society officer has written a helpful article explaining what you can do. Read it here: <https://exeter.anglican.org/24820-2/> The full resources for the 16 Days campaign are available on the Mothers' Union website, <https://www.mothersunion.org>