

Footprints

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A very Merry Christmas to all our Friends



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Church Words

by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

Finding life and Christmas preparations a little uncertain at the moment? It might not surprise you to realise that the first Christmas happened during uncertain times too. The Roman Empire dominated the world and for many nations at the time life was difficult. The people 2000 years ago needed hope and so do we. So it was that a young couple would be given the promise of a child, a child of hope, not just to their own nation of Israel, but to every nation then and for all time. The child would be born in and through extraordinary circumstances and he would be extraordinary for he would be called Jesus, who we are told would 'save people from their sins' and called Emmanuel, God with us. Reminding them God had not forgotten his people or his creation and was about to intervene.

This Christmas we may wonder who will be with us? Will our family and friends be able to join us for the festivities or will we be alone? From the promises of the Christmas story we are given the assurance through Jesus, Emmanuel, that whatever we face or whatever happens God is with us. Gods plan would be worked out, not perhaps the way some would expect or like it to happen but Gods promises would be fulfilled in the Birth of Christ.

If we were planning for God to come to earth to visit his creation, we would probably expect a fanfare with multitudes of angels and everyone would be made aware of what was happening. Well there were fanfares of angels, but only to a few heard it (the shepherds), and there were signs it would happen and for those who searched they found (the wise men).

We may not be getting the usual Christmas this year but one thing is for sure, the message is still the same, 'Peace on Earth Goodwill to all' Emmanuel, God with us, is with us, in Jesus, who it is that can save us. And I am sure you will agree there is much to be saved from, now and always. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ child may we know the truth of Christ with us, whatever we face.

God bless you all and may the peace and love of the Christ child be your this Christmas now and always.

As I write this article we are still in the middle of a second lockdown which hopefully will be over by 2nd December. However, being realistic it is unlikely life will be anywhere near 'normal' as we move

through December. This uncertainty has meant that planning services for Christmas has been difficult.

Rules concerning how we can use our church buildings and how worship is conducted I am sure will still apply beyond December. These restrictions affect how many we are allowed to sit whilst complying with distancing restrictions change, whilst soloists and choirs can sing it is still a question whether a congregation will be allowed to sing.

Whilst you will see that limited services are being offered through December at some of our church buildings we are also hoping to respond to any positive changes to the guidelines given to churches which might enable Carols Crib and Christingle services to happen.

We will hopefully be able to inform you of any extra services we can hold if such allowance is made.

6th December

10.30am

Clifton advert service\Becky's leaving service

4.00pm

Martley Becky's leaving service\live stream and recorded

13th December

10.30am

St Mary Magdalene Broadwas, Advent service

10.30am

St. Peter's Martley Advent service

20th December

You tube carols

4.00pm

Carols and Christingles in the Churchyard Martley

4.00pm

St. Mary Magdalene Broadwas Carol Service with pop up choir

24th December

10.00pm

Wichenford, Holy Communion

10.00pm

St. Mary Magdalene Holy Communion

11.30pm

Martley Holy Communion

25th December

11.00am

Martley Christmas Family service

***Due to social distancing please could you 'book' the number from your household wishing to attend these Christmas services with the named person by December 20th**

27th December

NO SERVICES

All services and events subject to government guidelines at the time.

Church Wardens phone numbers for service info and booking

St. Peters Martley Catrine Ball 01584 881079

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St. Mary Magdalene, Rob Pearce 01886 821959

email: west.winds1066@gmail.com>

St. Laurence Wichendorf, Carma Wetherall 01886 888611,

email carma.wetherall@martley.org

The WWRT 2020 Advent Course

Monday evenings 30th Nov, 7th, 14th 21st December on Zoom at 8.00 pm

Wednesday evenings 2nd, 9th, 11, 23rd December on Zoom at 7.30 pm

If restrictions allow in Clifton Church Thursdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, and Tuesday 22nd December at 11.00am

Contact anne.wwrteam@gmail.com if you wish to join us – let us know to which session you would like to be sent the Zoom invite.

Introduction

During the four weeks of Advent we will, together, explore the challenges and changes to everyday life we have experienced this year, and look towards the new year with hope in Jesus.

Each of the four sessions take the context and characters from the Christmas story and invite us to make connections with life during the pandemic. We can reflect on our feelings and response to what's happened and come alongside the people in the Christmas story with fresh insight and understanding. 'Now' and 'then' Each scene contains a passage from Luke's or Matthew's account of the Christmas story. The connection between 'now' and 'then' is brought to life through a monologue where a voice talks about an aspect of life in the pandemic, and then switches to a voice from a character in the Christmas story. Questions, prayer, and a song to listen will offer different ways into conversation and reflection.

Over the four weeks you are invited to build a nativity scene, in your home whether you are attending through Zoom or socially distanced in person (lockdown permitting), with traditional nativity set figures and symbols representing aspects of life today. This is an optional extra and not part of the actual course.

The four scenes are:

Week 1 Rules and regulations Our response to directives from central authorities alongside life under Roman rule; Nativity: stable and/or empty crib and animals. Mask and pen

Week 2 Unsung heroes The contribution of key workers and the shepherds' key role in telling the Good News; Nativity: the shepherds and angels. Made or drawn rainbow

Week 3 Travelling light Migrants' search for a safe home and the magi's journey to an unknown destination; Nativity: The Wise Men. A glass of water

Week 4 At a distance Family life in lockdown and the Holy Family's isolation at the time of their son's birth; Nativity: Mary and Joseph (and the baby Jesus, unless your tradition is to keep him hidden until Christmas morning). A candle and a family photograph, to add to the nativity scene.

(If you don't have a nativity set, there are many templates on the internet with

figures to cut out. Do a search on 'nativity set templates' and view it through the Images option.)

Rev Rebecca Elliot, - "Becky".

We have all become used to having our Curate Becky and her family around these last 3 and a half years. Their ministry among us has been gratefully received. However as she has now completed her training she is now moving on to pastures new as you will see from her article.

We would like to thank her for all she and her family have given to us and wish her God's Blessing and love to you all from us all.

David, Becky's training incumbent

Farewell from the Curate.

How time flies! It doesn't seem like any time since I was coming to the end of my time at Vicar School and preparing to move to Clifton upon Teme for the start of my curacy with Rev Canon David Sherwin and the West Worcester Rural Team. Now, three and a half years later, we are planning to move again, as I go on to be the vicar of Holy Trinity Church in North Malvern and St James' Church in West Malvern.

I couldn't have had a better curacy experience than the one I have had here. As a family, we have been made so welcome. It has been a delight to get to know and work with the different churches. I have been given a wealth of opportunities to help me develop my ministry skills and have got to know and become friends with some wonderful people along the way. I've enjoyed everything from formal services to Messy Church and Youth Group, from Steeple to Steeple bike rides and to dressing up as a 'Pink Lady' from the film 'Greece' when we raised money for Christian Aid.

I could never have imagined how different the final few months of my curacy would be. This year really has brought some new challenges for us all. For me, I've had to learn lots of new technology skills from hosting zoom meetings to making and posting videos on YouTube. It's sad that we have not been able to meet up in person as often as we used to, that a lot of our services had to be cancelled and that we have to stand far apart, with our masks on, but the churches continue to be here for you.

So as we prepare to say our farewells, it is with a grateful heart for all we have been blessed with here and it is with sadness because there is so much we have come to love that we will miss. It is so disappointing that we won't be able to see many of you to say goodbye due to the current restrictions.

We aren't moving too far away, I shall continue to pray for you as I look across from the Malvern Hills and of course we'll stay in touch and be back to visit.

Rev Becky Elliott

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

In these strange times we thank all those who have donated to the Poppy Appeal, every penny will help this year.

The Legion send best wishes to you all for a good but perhaps different christmas and with hope for a better 2021. In the words of the irish blessings

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be ever at your back
May the sun shine upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand

Stay safe .stay at home and take care

Sue

(R.B.L. - Knightwick & District)



W.I.

We are very aware that in this second lockdown it is important to stay in touch and help each other and so we decided to have a Zoom coffee and chat meeting in November. It was lovely to see each other and practice our technological skills. Some of us had difficulty but hopefully we shall all meet again, via Zoom, for our Christmas celebration, on Wednesday December 9th at 2pm. Invites will be sent out shortly before the event. We send our greetings to those members who are unable to join our Zoom meetings and we all look forward to 2021 when, hopefully we can meet in person. Details of future meetings will be sent out when we know more. Seasons Greetings to everyone and we pray for a happier New Year.

Footprints Distribution Update

Thank you to everyone who has so far responded to the proposed change to Footprints distribution, either requesting a paper copy or an on-line reminder. Can I please remind you that if you wish to continue receiving a paper copy, and have not yet completed the form enclosed with November's edition, please do so now and send it to me. If you have lost the form or cannot get to a post office or post box because of restrictions, please call me and I shall be happy to take your details over the phone.

Paul Reeve
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Christmas greetings from Broadwas Primary School

2020 has been an eventful year in the life of our school. We are so proud of our children, staff and parents who have had to make changes to their usual routines in order to keep the school and everyone in it safe.

We'd like to thank our new headteacher Mr James Dennis for working tirelessly behind the scenes to help us through these difficult times. He has so many ideas for the school and we look forward to the years ahead with him.

The children have been working hard not only on their school work but also on making a difference to other people. This term we have already been involved with Worcestershire Foodbank, the #HelloYellow Young Minds Campaign, Children in Need 2020, the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, Operation Christmas Child and one child even donated her own hair to charity. Well done to everyone, especially those children who came up with the ideas. We know we have many more planned including an Earth Day being developed by children in Year 5 / 6!

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to inviting you back to our school events when restrictions allow.

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Chairman – Eric Dale

Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07903 377066

Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)

Email : parishclerk@broadwas-cotheridge.com

Knightwick & Doddenham

Clerk – Geoffrey Brewin 01886 821386

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