

Sunday 29th November

Dear St Luke's,

This is the beginning of Advent! We are facing an uncertain Christmas, but we will try to keep you all informed of developments as we go.

With lockdown restrictions shifting to Tier two this means that we will be back with 'in church, in person' services, under the same risk assessment as before.

This is the Diocesan line at present:

Government guidance

Following recent government announcements we have amended our FAQs regarding reopening churches from 2nd December. You can find them on our Coronavirus page [here](#). Please note that we are still awaiting more detailed guidance from both the Government and the Church of England so some answers may change. It is clear that places of worship in all tiers may open for worship services from 2nd December. We expect building capacity to be based on 2m social distancing between households and the use of face masks. We anticipate further guidance will be forthcoming regarding both public worship in December and during the Christmas period (which may be different)

Please note Brenda's Advent Course:

'Growing in Confidence in Prayer' for the next three Wednesday evenings. Further Advent information will come in a separate email.

Sunday Service Video

Due to me having technical problems recording some of the segments, this will be available THIS MORNING- by separate email. Apologies for this. Subscribe to our Channel, and you can receive notifications as soon as it is published. <https://www.youtube.com/user/StLukesGrayshott>

Children's Sunday Celebration Video

the link to it is <https://youtu.be/CT8ndlwXOC0>

Bishop Andrew's excellent talk on Mark 13:24-37. 'The End of the World'

https://youtu.be/1toPqn4m_Ds

[11.30am Sunday Morning](#) Zoom Chat

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89613996291?pwd=K0hPR2NGK0ErV21iRURHTmlkZnJndz09>

Meeting ID: [896 1399 6291](#)

Passcode: 683593

[6.00pm](#) Advent Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom with Chris

I am indebted to Bob Ireland for the basis of the attached service. It follows the order of BCP evening prayer at its core but has a different confession and creed. There are three hymns. I will share the screen with it on during the service

Details are:

- Psalm 9. 1-10,
- Mag and Nunc
- First reading: Isaiah 1. 1-20
- Second reading: 1 Corinthians 4: 9 - 16

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/PftN%20Booklet%20spreads.pdf>

Personal Devotions

We recommend for a 10 minute meditation and led prayer, the Phone Tablet and iPad App:

Lectio365

And for daily Bible reading with explanatory notes, with an Audio option, and Audio Bible readings from the NIV by David Suchet) the App:

Bible In One Year (BIOY) from Holy Trinity Brompton, by Nicky Gumble.

Thy Kingdom Come - National Church prayer from Lambeth Palace

You can explore the Archbishops' prayer initiative here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

You can find our daily prayers and further Church of England website prayer resources [here](#),

and you can catch up on #PrayerfortheNation videos on the [Thy Kingdom Come YouTube channel](#).

Keeping in touch

We are aware that it is hard to stay in touch with each other, please try to call friends and neighbours, especially as the weather gets colder and the nights are long. With the Data Protection regulations as they are, sharing personal details can't be done without permission, but it would be great if we could establish small groups who will watch out for each other. More of this another time.

We send our love to you all.
Jeremy and Claire.