#### Dear All,

With the latest news of stricter Covid legislation, and further restrictions over the Christmas period. One thing I must say, is that if you feel even slightly ill, please don't take the risk for those who do come to services, and do please stay at home. We will continue to abide by our Worship Service Risk Assessment. Please take thought for those who are stuck, and struggling. Thank you.

Please note that there will be no Service in Church on **Sunday 27th December**, but we will be posting a link to a service provided by the Bishop's and the Diocesan Team.

#### Babes and Toddler's Christmas 'Service'

On Monday, Julia Hedger is going to distribute gifts for the toddlers who will be coming, they will gather at the Porch of the Church, socially distanced, and Christmas Carols will be sung, and Julia tell a Christmas story for the Children, and it will be a simple stamp of Christmas with the giving of gifts. Please pray for this simple outreach to the young families of the village.

# Christmas Eve Midnight Service Tickets are fully allocated

Thank you to Sheila Austin for administrating this for us, over the last few weeks.

### **Grayshott Primary School Art - Susie**

Many thanks to Susie for organizing the pupils of Grayshott School to make pictures relating to different parts of the Nativity Story, which have been displayed in a number of the Village Shops. Do look out for these in the village.

# <u>Christingle - Craft Bags and Children's Society</u> Donations

Thank you to Barbara Ward and Lin Corlett who have worked tirelessly to provide bags for children to make their own Christingle Oranges, they have been in the porch of the Church for collection.

A Donkey! There have been some posts on local Social Media about this, This was the famous 'Mr Moon' who came to film our Christingle Nativity Story. Many thanks to the shops and businesses in the village who helped us to do this. We would normally make a collection for the Children's Society:

So If you would like to give to the excellent work of the Children's Society, please

find information about them and giving options on their Website HERE

#### **Scouts**

The Cub Scout Leader Katie-Jane and her Cubs, have completed an activity promoted by 'Company for Kindness' this half term, and decided to create a Christmas box each for a lonely person for the festive season. The Cubs all decided they wanted to help put a smile on someone's face this Christmas. They worked on them for 3 weeks wrapping a shoe box in Christmas wrapping, carefully deciding on gifts and creating some decorations to go into the boxes and writing a small card and letter to say who the box was from and most of all wishing them a Merry Christmas. "As a troop, every week we say our Cub

Scout Law, and this is one way we are sticking to it." These have been delivered to the Church, for us to distribute.

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## Main St Luke's Sunday Video

The link to the Sunday Service from St Luke's is  $\overline{\mathsf{HERE}}$ 

## **Children's Sunday Celebration Video**

With thanks to the Children's team, the Link to the Children's Sunday Celebration is

#### <u>HERE</u>

#### Youth drama

The link to the Youth drama: "All I want for Christmas" which will be

published later on on Sunday will be **HERE**. Dan says: "it will but a smile of your face!"

## Bishop Jo's Sermon

The Link to Bishop Jo's excellent sermon for this Sunday

#### The Link is **HERE**

Bishop Jo preaches this week on 'The Ordinary and the Extraordinary' – exploring the annunciation of Gabriel to Mary, from Luke 1:26-38

## After Service St Luke's Zoom Meeting

Time: Dec 20, 2020 11:45 AM London Join Zoom Meeting Link **HERE** 

Meeting ID: 664 927 5264

Passcode: 404492

# 6.00pm Evening In-Person in Church: BCP Holy Communion

Please come, but take all the usual precautions, of Mask, Hand Washing, and distance as usual, and please note that we will only distribute the communion in one type, namely the wafer, to the congregation staying in their places. Thank you.

#### 6.00pm Evening Prayer by Zoom

This service Fourth Sunday of Advent: will be going ahead at 6pm as usual but don't forget that there is a BCP communion service in St Luke's Grayshott if you want to go there! We may say more of the service if my 'cantor and choir' are not with us. Suggestions for a hymn also welcome!

Psalm 113

Zechariah 2: 10-end

Luke 1: 39-55

the invitation is the usual one; I will go 'live' at 5.50 as usual every best wish

Join Zoom Meeting HERE

Meeting ID: 334 161 7587

Passcode: BRDy66

# <u>Weekday 9.00-9.40am Morning Bible Meditations:</u> Note Two Weeks

Monday 21st Dec: Isaiah 53

• Tuesday: Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: John 1:14 and Luke 2:8-20

Thursday: No meetingFriday: No meeting

Monday 28th Dec: No meeting

Tuesday: Luke 1:39-56
Wednesday: Luke 1:57-80
Thursday: Luke 2:21-39
Friday 1st Jan: No meeting

The Zoom contact details are **HERE** 

Meeting ID: 958 7187 2086

Password: 8qH0He

### Prayer by Zoom at 6pm on Monday 21st December.

No meeting 28th December. Zoom Link is HERE

Meeting ID: 948 4602 7087

## Advent Bible Study on the Plan of Salvation, using the

readings from the 9 Lessons and Carols. Final session.

For

those who would like to join it is 4.30pm on Tuesday 22nd December. You will need your Bible. The Zoom Link is **HERE** 

#### **Confidence in Prayer Course is finished**

A very big thank you to Brenda Schwartz for running this, I heard very encouraging things about this course, if you would like to register interest in this course, Please let us know, and we will consider putting it on another time.

## <u>3pm Christmas Eve - Christingle Service Online</u>

Please watch out for the Christingle Service, to be posted on the 'St Luke's Grayshott' YouTube Channel **HERE** 

### **Quiz Night for your diary**

Church quiz Saturday 9th January 2021 via zoom

Julia, Allison, Andy and Mike are putting together a fun quiz for the church family to do together on a winter's evening! Details to follow...



### **Comfort and Joy.**

Please look up the great resources for the Christmas season (the 12 days) via the Church of England website: <u>HERE.</u> They have many different aspects including a Christingle Service <u>HERE</u>, though of course we have our own service as mentioned above.

- 20 December 9:00am Worship at Home for the Fourth Sunday of Advent with Marie Curie
- 22 December 9:00am Worship at Home: A service of Lessons and Carols with Christian Aid
- **24 December 11:30pm -** Worship at Home: Midnight Mass with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Dover
- 27 December 9:00am Worship at Home for the First Sunday of Christmas with Church Army
- 31 December 9:00am Worship at Home: A service with the Archbishop of York on New Year's Eve
- **3 January 9:00am -** Worship at Home for Epiphany with Embrace the Middle East

There is so much information, and so much going on. I am very grateful to you all for the amazing work that is continuing to help us connect with the village, and to provide such excellent materials and opportunities to engage with the Christmas story, and the coming of our Lord Jesus into our lives. Let us pray for those who are in despair, and as the Lock-down is only getting worse for many people, remember the Vicar's relief fund, which is going on, and perhaps there are some people you know you can help or contact to support in some way.

If we don't see you, have the happiest Christmas you can! but take time to explore the wonder of the love and presence of God, and ask him to come to you in a special way, in the power of his Holy Spirit, to comfort you, and to inspire you, just as we are praying he will.

With love from Jeremy and Claire.

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