

6th December 2020

Comfort
and Joy

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man." - Pope Francis

Connect featuring the LOCKDOWN NATIVITY can be found [here](#)

The link to the Sunday morning live stream can be found [here](#) at 10am

Letter read to congregation 6th December 2020: Unfortunately the strain of trying to hold everything together in these fraught Covid times has taken its toll on Rev'd Chris' health. The doctor has now signed him off for a month, initially, and prescribed medication and outside support.

Responsibility for St. Luke's now passes to the Churchwardens, Claire Marr and Joan Russon, and St. Luke's Trustees.

Please hold Chris and I in prayer and give Chris the time, space and rest that he needs to heal.

I have also decided to take time out from St. Luke's so won't be celebrating Christmas with you all this year. I pray you will have a peace-filled, blessed season and hope to see you (in person even!) in 2021.

Mandy Stebbing

Dial-a-Sermon: You can listen to the weekly sermon by phoning 0114 478 2270. Calls cost the same as a local call.

Virtual Tea & Coffee: 'Virtual tea and coffee' via Zoom happens at 10:45 - 11:45am on Sundays. Do log in and say hello if you're able - it would be great to see you! We use breakout rooms to put folk into small groups to make chatting easier. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link. **Meeting ID:** 892 3089 3636

Passcode: 363092

St Luke's Ramblers' next outing will be on Saturday 19th December in Ecclesall Woods. We can walk as one or two socially distanced groups of up to six in each. Also, we can't offer lifts, so you will need to get yourself to the Abbey Lane main entrance for a 1.30pm start. You must book a place - please ring 2301759 or [email](#). It should be possible to have a cuppa afterwards from the kiosk. Alan and Lesley Combe

New Year's Eve: For those who might appreciate the opportunity to mark the end of the year in online worship on New Year's Eve, Rev Godfrey will be leading a short service of Compline by Zoom at 9.00 p.m. on 31 December. We will take the opportunity to be together in the way we have learned to do this year, to offer the set prayers from the Order for Night Prayer (Compline) and to pray quietly wherever we are, as we reflect on the year drawing to a close. If you would like to attend, please let Rev Godfrey know by [email](#).

The link for the Zoom session can be found [here](#). **Meeting ID:** 834 5280 2777 **Passcode:** 529089

The text of the Night Prayer Order of Service is provided with this notice sheet mailing so you can either view it or print it off as suits you.

A HUGE thank you to EVERYONE who has so generously contributed to the Children's Shoebox Appeal again this year.

I am delighted to say that **52 completed shoeboxes** have now been collected by Sheffield Vulcan Rotary Club volunteers and taken to the warehouse. Also, numerous large bags of brightly-coloured knitted items (scarves, hats, gloves, etc.) which will be used to top up other boxes awaiting these.

Once again, we have been able to cover the processing/shipping costs of £5 for each box. We hope to be notified of their final destination in the New Year. This is very much a team effort... so thank you, as always, for your support. It is GREATLY appreciated! Jane Pitfield

Advent Course: We will be running an Advent Course online on the evening of the 17th December. It will be held by Zoom, starting at 7.30pm. The link, if you would like to attend can be found [here](#). This follows on from our 'Trusting God in 2020' Bible study last month. The material we will use is called 'Light in the Darkness' and can be found [here](#). If you would like to attend, please [email Rev Godfrey](#) and let him know you will be coming.

Advent and Christmas at St. Luke's

Date	In Church and Livestream <i>For services in Church, advance booking is essential – please contact Joan tel 230 8679</i>	Recorded Online <i>All online services can be accessed via links in the notice sheet or via our website www.slclm.org</i>
Sun 13 th Dec	10am Morning Worship – Advent	Connect featuring the 'Lockdown Nativity'
	4pm Messy Church Christingle	
Sun 20 th Dec	10am Morning worship last Sun before Christmas	
	4pm - Christingle Service	
Christmas Eve		11:30pm 'Midnight' Communion
Christmas Day	10am Christmas Day Family Communion	
Sunday 27 th	10am Morning worship	
Thurs 31 st		9pm via Zoom Compline & prayer for New Year
Sun 3 rd Jan	10am Connect Live	

