

For Sunday 22nd November 2020

This is how we know what love is: Christ gave his life for us. We too, then, ought to give our lives for others! If we are rich and see others in need, yet close our hearts against them, how can we claim that we love God? My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action. 1 John 3: 16-18.



Service Suggestions for 10.20 am Sunday 22nd November:

Supplied by Rev Stuart Radford

Welcome

Hymn 317 At the name of Jesus

Sharing Time (including PSALMS update from Dave Moller)

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Readings Ezekiel 34: 11-16 & 20-24 Malcolm Brown

Matthew 25: 31-46 Beth Boxall

Hymn WT58 *Christ's is the world*

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession Margaret Marshall

Hymn CMP988 How deep the Father's love for us

Blessing

<u>Join us on Zoom</u> (respond to the invite or you can join by any telephone) or follow on your own at home.

Christ Church will not open again for Sunday Services until the Government restrictions are lifted. (Currently, we'll re-open on 6th December.)

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Private Prayer

The *church is open for private prayer* on Wednesdays from 10 am to noon until further notice.

Christmas

Government restrictions allowing, we'll hold a *carol service in the church at 6 pm on Christmas Eve*. We'll use the balcony, but numbers will still be restricted (the service will also be on Zoom). Admission to the church will be *only by booking places before 17th December (book through Margaret)*. Remember, there will be strict social distancing to keep people safe and no congregational singing in the church. There will be *coffee and mince pies in the Christ Church Rooms from 10 am to noon on Christmas Day* for those otherwise on their own. There will be <u>no</u> service on Christmas Day or on 27th December.

Please note that although Fair Trade Christmas Cards may be ordered through Alison Price, *it is* <u>not</u> possible for any cards to be privately delivered through church this year.

Our usual *Christmas collection for charity* this year will be divided between our own new *Christ Church Help Fund* (for members of the congregation or local community in particular need during the pandemic) and *Christian Aid*. We are not using a reverse Advent calendar this year but are asking for *donations to the Foodbank* to be made *before 4th December* (see the *separate sheet for what is wanted*). Produce may be left at the Church on Wednesdays 10 am - noon.

Church Activities under new Restrictions

Under the new Government restrictions that last at least until Wednesday 2nd December, it will not be possible to attend a service in the church building before 6th December. Services will continue to be streamed on Zoom. Meeting Place, Umbrella Coffee Club and Bee Creative are suspended until after 2nd December.

Join us with a drink at the next Zoom Coffee Club on Saturday 28th November between 10 am and noon to chat on-line for 5 min or two hours.

Church Tasks and Responsibilities

A *list (attached separately) of church tasks and responsibilities* has been drawn up with a view to finding new helpers to spread the work load and knowledge of how the church runs. Additional people are needed to join the Secretarial, Treasurer, and Property Steward Teams; we also need someone to take charge of publicity. Everyone is asked to give serious consideration to this. Please contact the Minister or Secretaries with suggestions or offers of help.

Please remember in your prayers



Please take time to phone friends who might be isolated during lock-down.

As we learn of local coronavirus cases, all patients and staff in hospitals, the vulnerable and all workers and residents in care homes, and those unable to make or receive visits.

Those struggling to make ends meet or fearing for their livelihoods or their loved ones.

Please contact us if you are in need of help.

Minister: Stuart Radford Church Secretaries: Margaret Marshall & Malcolm Brown Finance: Paul Driscoll & Bryan James Families Worker: Stella Voaden WHO'S WHO?