

Weekly Notes for Sunday 13 December 2020

Hello everyone,

Have you been in Footprints café recently? They're missing you! They have a lovely full menu with lots of dishes to choose from – all very nourishing and delicious! The hot dishes are highly recommended at this time of the year. They are doing takeaways too. You can ring Anj during the morning (833396) to choose what you want to eat and what time to collect it. Or, you could just turn up and see what's available. And do not forget they do amazing afternoon teas – you can order one to takeaway - a highly recommended treat! PLEASE SUPPORT FOOTPRINTS AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

And please have a look at the front of church the next time you are passing. We have a new bright Christmas banner and on display at the front doors - the ring of candles, our Christmas tree and very soon a nativity scene too – all worthy of a look especially when the LED lights are on.

Lots of detail below for the different Christmas events coming up...

WORSHIP

Our services will continue for a while longer via Zoom. However, I can confirm **we are planning a 2nd trial live/zoom service on 10th January 2021.**

Tomorrow's service is with Rev Canon Paul Whittle. It's the usual link. If you need it, please email Maggie. The full recording of the service will appear on the Services page of the [church website](#).

Please let me (Maggie) know if you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet who would like a transcript printed from the zoom services. We currently deliver paper copies to 5 people.

December Services (mostly via zoom)

13 December	1030	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Rev Paul Whittle
20 December	1030	<i>Christingle</i>	Led by Mary Simuyandi & Matthew Jones <i>with lots of help from others!</i> Please join us! ALL AGES WELCOME!
	1630	<i>Carols in the Carpark</i>	ChristChurch South Cambs & SFC (see below)
	1800	<i>Village Carol Service</i>	St Mary's (also on zoom) Rev Paul Whittle will be preaching.
24 December	1700	<i>Family Service</i>	Rev Paul Whittle
	2330	<i>Midnight Service</i>	Rev Paul Whittle
25 December	1000	<i>Christmas Day</i>	Rev Paul Whittle
27 December	1030		Go4th

CAROLS IN THE CARPARK

A carol service in the Sawston Village College car park. Families will be invited to drive in to the car park in their cars and enjoy singing carols in their vehicles. There will be live music, lots of carols and a nativity on display. Full details at www.christchurchsouthcambs.org/car-park-carols/. You must book your space in advance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We continue to pray for those who are recently bereaved

Please continue to pray for friends and family who are struggling with their health, young and old.

And we thank for God for the many scientists worldwide who are developing Covid-19 vaccines, and we pray for the organisations who are working out the logistics of administering the vaccines to so many millions.

Please do remember to let me know of any prayer requests.

ONLINE

Don't forget there is a really rich selection of resources on line as highlighted in previous emails - children's activities and worship, church virtual services, book recommendations, Paul Whittle's blog, the URC websites, some wonderful Christian music & songs on YouTube, prayers focussing on Coronavirus, etc. This week's update can be found [here](#). There is always lots of new information each week so please do have a look. You can find previous updates here - www.urch-eastern.org.uk. And please have a look at www.urch.org.uk too.

A PRAYER

FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.

Please remember to share this email with others you know who don't receive email.

Keep safe and warm, and look after yourselves.

Maggie

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