

Christmas 2020

We do hope and pray that you are well and continuing to stay safe in these unprecedented times.

It is a very different Christmas period for us this year. We are unable to meet together to hold our usual Carol Services and enjoy a mince pie or mulled wine together, which also means we won't have the amazing choir from St Andrew's school with us and won't be able to watch our own young people perform a nativity play.

We do, however, have a new online presence. Each week we have a service broadcast on [YouTube](#), which we stream live from St Anthony's Centre.

During December we will be including some pre-recorded Christmas Carols and holding a virtual carol service via Zoom. All the details you need are included in this news sheet. We will be sending copies of the words for the carols to all our members during the week before our Carol service on 20th December 2020, if you think that you may not be on our mailing list but would like to join in please contact us.

If you are unable to access any of the online services we are able to send you a video or sound recording on DVD, CD or USB stick.

If you need help with anything or just want a chat, our details are on the back of this sheet.



Carol service



We will be holding a candle light carol service on

20th December 2020 at 6pm via Zoom.

The intention is to send out LED Candles along with the Carol Sheets so that we can all join together on Zoom to sing Carols.



This service will be recorded and uploaded to our YouTube channel in case you can't make it.

There are a few technical bits that will need to be done before we start, but they are very straight forward. We will need to set our screens to speaker focus and mute our own microphones.



If you are unsure how to do this let us know ASAP and we can try and help beforehand.

Meet and Chat ONLINE

after the Service:

Do you want to catch up with friends?

Get to know others a bit better?

Discuss the Sunday service?

Have some news you are bursting to tell someone about?

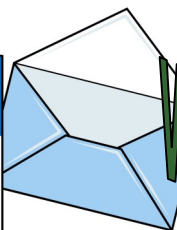


Come and join in our online Coffee and Catch up on Zoom. If you don't have internet you can join by a normal phone line, contact us for details.

(Sunday 13th December anytime between **11:30am-12:30pm**)

Reverse Advent Calendar

As with most years, we would still like to continue to collect for Foodbank this Christmas time, below is a small copy of the Reverse Advent Calendar we are using to help out this year. If you would like a larger copy it is available to print from our website, or contact Chris and he will send you one.



Virtual Christmas Card

As we are not able to all physically sign a Church Christmas Card this year there is going to be a 'virtual card' instead.

The idea is that everyone writes a Christmas greeting which will be added to the card. The card will then be shared with everyone by email or printed for those who prefer a hard copy.

If you would like to contribute a greeting please send your message to Christine Ball either by email to info@churchinthecommunity.co.uk by text/Whatsapp to 07764691441. You can include a photo if you want to.

Please send your greeting by 12 December at the latest.

If you know of someone in the Church who is not able to access email then please let them know about this card and support with sending a greeting.

Prayer Diary

If you are looking for some prayer ideas please feel free to use the following.

Mondays

"I thank my God every time I remember you..." Philippians 1:3

Pray for Community Church folk you haven't seen recently and those you know are unwell.

Tuesdays

Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." Rev 1:17-18

Pray for all those who are struggling with depression or are fearful or lonely during these Covid times. Pray for fresh hope and anticipation as the vaccine is started to be made available to the most vulnerable

Wednesdays

"He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. "Acts 10:2

Pray for those who are homeless, in temporary accommodation, without enough food to eat and those who are in unloving homes.

Pray that they may experience the love and presence of Jesus either through his people (us) or supernaturally.

Thursdays

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt 19:14

Pray for safety for all the children, young people and staff at our schools, colleges, and nurseries. Pray also for good health for all the university student whether they are returning to their family homes or staying in their accommodation.

Fridays

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

Pray for all those involved in caring - medical staff, care home staff, home helps etc.

Saturdays

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this:

"Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.' Mark 12:30-31

Pray for your neighbours, friends, work colleagues who don't know Jesus. Pray for a fresh understanding and openness to the Gospel.

Sundays

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matt 28:20

Spend a few extra moments to be still in God's presence, to hear His voice and the prompts about your own heart

Thank God for being here for us, for His love and generosity. Pray that we might show that same love and generosity to all those around us.

For the younger ones

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CHRISTMAS TREE



An idea for the youngest in the church...

[Handprint Christmas Card - Handprint Christmas Tree Card](http://thebestideasforkids.com)
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Collection for families

We are aware that many people are struggling during this pandemic and that some families will be without this Christmas time, if you have any good quality second-hand or new toys that you could donate, or any food or shopping vouchers, please let us know.

If you know of anyone who may be on their own this Christmas and would like a Christmas meal delivered please let us know.



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If you live in the Eastbourne area and are struggling with overwhelming debt, the Eastbourne Debt Centre might be able to help you.

0800 328 0006

Call for free from landlines and mobiles in the UK.

Our lines are now open:

9:30am–5:00pm Monday–Thursday and 9:30am–3:30pm on Fridays



Youtube/facebook/web address

Our services are currently available online, please visit YouTube.com and search for [Community Church Eastbourne](#) click on the subscribe button and bell icon to receive notifications of when we upload or go live.

Links can also be found via our [Facebook](#) page and website.

<http://www.churchinthecommunity.co.uk>

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