

Sunday 29th November

Dear St Luke's,

This is the beginning of Advent! We are facing an uncertain Christmas, but we will try to keep you all informed of developments as we go.

With lockdown restrictions shifting to Tier two this means that we will be back with 'in church, in person' services, under the same risk assessment as before.

This is the Diocesan line at present:

Government guidance

Following recent government announcements we have amended our FAQs regarding reopening churches from 2nd December. You can find them on our Coronavirus page [here](#). Please note that we are still awaiting more detailed guidance from both the Government and the Church of England so some answers may change. It is clear that places of worship in all tiers may open for worship services from 2nd December. We expect building capacity to be based on 2m social distancing between households and the use of face masks. We anticipate further guidance will be forthcoming regarding both public worship in December and during the Christmas period (which may be different)

Please note Brenda's Advent Course:

'Growing in Confidence in Prayer' for the next three Wednesday evenings. Further Advent information will come in a separate email.

Sunday Service Video

Due to me having technical problems recording some of the segments, this will be available THIS MORNING- by separate email. Apologies for this. Subscribe to our Channel, and you can receive notifications as soon as it is published. <https://www.youtube.com/user/StLukesGrayshott>

Children's Sunday Celebration Video

the link to it is <https://youtu.be/CT8ndlwXOC0>

Bishop Andrew's excellent talk on Mark 13:24-37. 'The End of the World'

https://youtu.be/1toPqn4m_Ds

[11.30am Sunday Morning](#) Zoom Chat

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89613996291?pwd=K0hPR2NGK0ErV21iRURHTmlkZnJndz09>

Meeting ID: [896 1399 6291](#)

Passcode: 683593

[6.00pm](#) Advent Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom with Chris

I am indebted to Bob Ireland for the basis of the attached service. It follows the order of BCP evening prayer at its core but has a different confession and creed. There are three hymns. I will share the screen with it on during the service

Details are:

- Psalm 9. 1-10,
- Mag and Nunc
- First reading: Isaiah 1. 1-20
- Second reading: 1 Corinthians 4: 9 - 16

I will send out a repeat of the regular invite on Sunday but this is the one you can use in case information is not reaching you on time on Sundays (it is the same every time by the way):

Christopher Grocock is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3341617587?pwd=ZkE4KzZxLzZmaldselJySDI4bFA4dz09>

Meeting ID: [334 161 7587](#)

Passcode: BRDy66

PS: there is a point in the service when we light a candle; it would be nice if we could all be ready to do this in our own homes, so have a candle and matches ready if you can!

Weekday Morning Bible Meditations: 9.00-9.40am. We are looking at Scriptures relating to the Advent theme, God's plan of salvation using One True Story by Tim Chester.

- Monday: Colossians 1:15-20
- Tuesday: Hebrews 2:5-14
- Wednesday: Genesis 3:1-15 and picture
- Thursday: Genesis 3:20-4:16 and picture
- Friday: Hebrews 10:1-18

The Zoom contact details are

<https://zoom.us/j/95871872086?pwd=ckpiL0FQV1BQK1pTNnJ6ckluM2JGdz09>

Meeting ID: [958 7187 2086](#)

Password: 8qH0He

Monday Prayer by Zoom has moved to 6pm. Zoom details as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/94846027087?pwd=S0VNTjJFaXNvNFFlWmNnUFBrODV2Zz09>

Meeting ID: [948 4602 7087](#)

Password: 0nR2Fq

Growing in Confidence in Prayer Course

This starts 7.45-9.00pm Wednesday 2nd December and continues for the following 2 weeks. The Zoom joining details are below. There are some questions to consider in advance, so please contact Brenda if you want to join the group, brenda.schwartz@mybroadbandmail.com

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85751198992?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85751198992?pwd=K1RLU3ZhckR1RVJ5UXpuWlQzcWdzdz09)

[pwd=K1RLU3ZhckR1RVJ5UXpuWlQzcWdzdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85751198992?pwd=K1RLU3ZhckR1RVJ5UXpuWlQzcWdzdz09)

Meeting ID: [857 5119 8992](#)

Passcode: 143003

Lockdown prayers

The Archbishops have asked that we set our alarm clocks, and pray for 5 minutes, at 6pm each day of lockdown. Their suggested topics are below:

- Sunday: Family, friends and loved ones
- Monday: Schools and colleges, children and young people
- Tuesday: Elderly, isolated and vulnerable
- Wednesday: Businesses, the workplace and economic wellbeing
- Thursday: The NHS and other key workers
- Friday: National and local governments
- Saturday: All who are grieving and all suffering with physical & mental ill-health

There is a printable (2 sides of A4) leaflet with these and some other prayers available:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/PftN%20Booklet%20spreads.pdf>

Personal Devotions

We recommend for a 10 minute meditation and led prayer, the Phone Tablet and iPad App:

Lectio365

And for daily Bible reading with explanatory notes, with an Audio option, and Audio Bible readings from the NIV by David Suchet) the App:

Bible In One Year (BIOY) from Holy Trinity Brompton, by Nicky Gumble.

Thy Kingdom Come - National Church prayer from Lambeth Palace

You can explore the Archbishops' prayer initiative here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

You can find our daily prayers and further Church of England website prayer resources [here](#),

and you can catch up on #PrayerfortheNation videos on the [Thy Kingdom Come YouTube channel](#).

Keeping in touch

We are aware that it is hard to stay in touch with each other, please try to call friends and neighbours, especially as the weather gets colder and the nights are long. With the Data Protection regulations as they are, sharing personal details can't be done without permission, but it would be great if we could establish small groups who will watch out for each other. More of this another time.

We send our love to you all.
Jeremy and Claire.