



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly news update 11 December 2020:

Please pray for:

- Our season of Advent and Christmas
- The sick: including Lizzie St George, Rachel Hellen and Eric Burbridge
- RIP: Maureen Ling, and from the Book of Remembrance, Sylvia Phillips, Ernest Phillips and John Tilley-Laurence

4pm Christingle (online only)

Please pick up a Christingle bag from the church porch (if you haven't already) and have an orange and some sticky tape to hand as we will be making Christingles together in the service. We would love you to join us on Zoom, at 3.50pm, if you are happy to be seen by others and to go onto YouTube. Please keep your camera on and sound off for the duration of the service and do switch from gallery view to speaker view during the service as needed. You may also like to have printed out the order of service (which is on the church website) as you may not always be able to see the words, unlike when watching on YouTube. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87317604935?pwd=Qkp1bTQ3UINvU2piaIN3ZnIFS2NDUT09>

Alternatively, particularly if you would prefer not to be seen, join us on YouTube - here is the link: <https://youtu.be/MyWJR4L9CoQ>

At the Christingle we are again supporting the work of the Children's Society. Here is the link to donate to the Children's Society: <https://thyg.uk/CUS042205>

Next Sunday (20 December) is the fourth Sunday of Advent. There will be an 8am Holy Communion service (BCP, in church & livestreamed), an all-age service with online Nativity at 10am (zoom only) and Quiet Communion (in church only) at 5.30pm.

Christmas Services

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible into the church over Christmas. We are giving priority to those who are unable to watch services online, so anyone without access to the internet should please phone Linda this coming week to book a seat. To maximise overall numbers but keep everyone safe in terms of coronavirus health & safety, we will be providing several "large family/Christmas bubble" pews for the **Christmas Day** service. If you are a bubble of 6 or more, please phone or email Linda this coming week (by Friday 18 December). When the large bubbles have been booked in, the seat reservation will go online on Monday 21 December for everyone else to book their seats. There will also be a Communion service in church on **Sunday 27 December**, so we hope this will ensure everyone will get to attend at least one Communion service in church over the Christmas period. Both the Christmas Day 10am and Sunday 27 December 10am services will also be live streamed.



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When coming to the Christmas services, please help us keep you and everyone safe by arriving in good time (**at least** 5 minutes beforehand, preferably 10-15 minutes beforehand), maintaining social distance and being prepared to queue outside as directed by a sidesperson.

Please note that our **6.30pm Christmas Eve** service of lessons and carols will be **live streamed only**. Please **do not** come to the church for that service. However, the 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist **will** be in church. There is no need to book, but please arrive in good time.

St Andrew's Virtual Advent Calendar!

Throughout Advent, St Andrew's will be journeying online together through **stories of promise and hope** in the Bible, leading up to Christmas Day. At 4:30pm on St Andrew's social media, there will be a **daily short video** telling a story of promise and hope, using some words and a Jesse tree picture decoration. **You can get involved** - watch along as we journey, or even record one of the daily clips for us to use! If you'd like to record, you'll be provided with the decoration for the day and words to read to tell the story – **get in touch with Hannah via email if you're interested!**

Special Christmas Event

Alpha CRC (whose office is in St Andrew's House near to the church) are holding a special Christmas event in St Andrew's on Thursday, 6.30-7.15pm. It is billed as a brief history of St Andrew's in words and music. The music is being provided (live) by I Fagiolini, a world-renowned singing ensemble directed by Robert Hollingworth; Nick will be among those contributing to the spoken parts. The audience will all be online and we at St Andrew's are invited to 'attend'. Simply go to this link and follow the instructions:

<https://www.alphacrc.com/christmas-concert>