



ST ANDREW'S, CHESTERTON

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Weekly news update 18 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, Henry Larkins and Arthur Martin

9.50am for 10am Nativity Service (on Zoom)

Join us for our Nativity service, on Zoom only this Sunday! We'll have a short service of music, prayers, and a short reflection, followed by a retelling of the Nativity story - a retelling given to us by some excellent helpers and readers from our church family! There is a service sheet attached to this email that you can download and print before the service (as the words of songs and responses will not be shown on the screen). Here are the Zoom details for you to join at 9:50, for the service to start at 10am:

Join Zoom Meeting (Nativity Service)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89199291088?pwd=OFhNVzRFOENYdm4rcTJSZUdRM2RXQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 9929 1088

Passcode: 240368

Do bring along your Nativity costumes to join in the story: there'll be five minutes in the middle of the service where you can get ready and dressed up! If you don't have a costume but would like to be involved in the dressing up fun, you could use one of the Zoom backgrounds below. You will need to save the picture from the Word document onto your device. Zoom backgrounds are a picture that you can set to appear behind you on your Zoom video. There are instructions also about how to change your Zoom background. If you want to use these backgrounds, it's worth reading the instructions ahead of the service and having a practice if you've not done it before!

How to change your Zoom background.pdf

Zoom background images.docx

It's worth saying, though, that you don't have to dress up or use a Zoom background if you don't want to – come along as you are and enjoy the service how you are comfortable. Any extras are just for fun!

If you have any questions, email Hannah (<mailto:hannah.fytche@standrews-chesterton.org>).



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Church opening hours:

From Monday 21 December until Christmas day the church will only be open between 3-5pm when you can visit the crib and for private prayer.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols (online only)

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist (In church only, no need to book)

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion BCP (In church and online)

10am All age communion (In church and online)

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.

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.

At the Christingle service last Sunday, we were again supporting the work of the **Children's Society**. So far, we have raised £220, plus gift aid. If anyone hasn't yet and would like to donate, here is the link:

<https://thyg.uk/CUS042205>

Next Sunday (27 December) there will be an 8am Holy Communion service (BCP, in church & livestreamed) and All-Age Communion at 10am (livestreamed and in church – book your



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seat on the website from Christmas Day noon onwards, or phone Linda by Wednesday 23 December). There will be no evening service that day.