

FROM THE VICAR & CHURCHWARDENS

From the 30th December 2020 it was announced by the government that most of the south-west was being put into tier 3. Dorset and Weymouth has now gone from tier 2 high alert to tier 3. As a result of this it has been necessary for us to update our risk assessments accordingly. It is more critical now than ever that we adhere to the rules when attending church services and public prayer. We must point out to you that it is **essential** that you call the booking line for attending services, leaving your name and contact telephone number. It is also essential that a 2-metre distance is maintained between anyone who does not live together or who are not in a support bubble. People can only interact with those who are in their own household both inside and outside of the church building. We can accommodate up to 50 people but no more. The number to call to book is:

07396627753

It is very important that those attending worship wear a face covering at all times in church, sanitise their hands and sit distanced from others

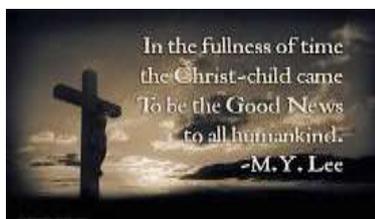
OTHER NEWS:

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: Holy Trinity church will continue to practice spiritual communion for the foreseeable future. Other churches may be looking at other options

WEEKLY GIVING

As many of you will know because of lockdown and COVID-19 the church has been closed and several people are vulnerable and remaining at home at present. Please may we urge you to continue to give financially to the church. Even when the church is closed there are significant bills to pay. Most of all we hope that everyone will be able to come back to the church family at Holy

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Trinity as soon as possible as miss seeing everyone.

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JANUARY 2021

From the vicarage:

I write this January letter on New Year's Day after reflecting on quite a different Christmas and New year. Last night many fireworks were going off all over the parish at 11pm and at midnight and beyond. The 11pm flurry of light and noise signified our formal exit from the European Union. Two significant events which will affect us all. Leaving the EU and the start of a new year are both in themselves a time for wondering what will lie ahead. Many will hope that this year will be significantly better than 2020. We all hope and pray for that. However, all of us, will have questions in our minds about the future and how it will affect each of us. I guess new year questions are often more significant than any others as we anticipate what lies ahead.

The Epiphany saw the arrival of the Magi to the child Jesus and they too must have asked each other many questions as they travelled together firstly to Jerusalem and then on to Bethlehem. 'Where is this child? Who is this child born to be king? I am sure that they were not expecting to find him lying on straw in a stable. Yet they trusted in God who by the light of the star led them to Jesus. There they laid their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Their questions had all been answered when they found EMMANUEL GOD WITH US. Nobody can fully answer the reasons why we are confronted with the tragedies of our world and what we have all been through, particularly in the last months of the coronavirus. However, we can be certain that, whether we recognise it or not, God through his son Jesus Christ is with us. He is Emmanuel. He is the lifeline that will be our friend and companion as we move forward as a country and nation in 2021.

Happy New Year

Canon Andrew

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Congregational singing is not permitted. Although small singing groups have not been asked to refrain from singing in church in tier 3, on further reflection, we have decided to refrain from singing until we return to tier 2 as a choir. However, there will be a cantor and organ each week well distanced from any congregation.

VIRTUAL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE:

The service is still online via Facebook and the church website www.holytrinityweymouth.org. PLEASE GIVE by following the instructions at the bottom of the website homepage.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAKE It was a great pleasure to be able to visit some of our vulnerable and isolating church members with a Christmas cake from the church. Thank you for the kind cards of thanks that have been received. Thanks also to Cheryl Wise who made the cakes and a fabulous three tier community cake – Plenty of slices left!

LIVE STREAMING SERVICES: We hope that some of you were able to watch our first attempts at bringing you our services LIVE over the Christmas. This was done via an iPhone. However, like many churches we shall be installing cameras and equipment especially for this purpose sometime in the next few weeks. People will then be able to watch live from home each Sunday if they are vulnerable and isolating. We appreciate that this is not the same as physically being present in church. We ALL look forward to being able to do this in the months ahead.

SERVICES RECORDED BY THE VICAR: Canon Andrew will continue to produce services in the future. A new weekly presentation is being planned for LENT 2021

CHURCH PEWS: Since the last edition of this newsletter work has begun on the removal of a small number of pews at the back of the church to create space for other activities and eventually for reciting the church font near to the main church door. Its present position was originally near the main church door. But in the mid to late

1800s the church was extended and reordered and is how we see it today. A faculty is now being sought to remove the dark narthex area and replace it with open glazed areas which will give the first impression to visitors and worshippers the glory of the interior of the building focusing on the magnificent reredos above the high altar.

WARRIOR WINDOW: This rather lovely window is found to need structural work on replacing stone which has of late been causing the ingress of a lot of water. This is in hand, but we would be very grateful for any donations that people would like make towards this work. Please email or speak with the churchwardens and vicar. Thank you

PLANNED SERVICES FOR JANUARY:

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (Sunday 3rd January)
8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist

BAPTISM OF CHRIST (Sunday 10th January)
8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist

SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY (Sunday 17th January)
8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist

THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY (Sunday 24th January)
8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist

CANDLEMASS (Sunday 31st January)
8am Said Eucharist
10am Parish Eucharist

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES WILL ALSO BE ONLINE EACH SUNDAY AGAIN FROM THE 10TH JANUARY Follow www.holytrinityweymouth.org Or on our Youtube and Facebook channels

FUTURE DIARY DATE:

First PCC of 2021 on Wednesday 10th of February in church.

YOU CAN TELL WE HAVE
A WOMAN BISHOP...
THE LID OF THE FONT IS
ALWAYS DOWN

