

Holy Trinity Church Monifieth Newsletter

Christmas 2020



Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and keeping safe in these strange times. Most of us have lost count of the number of things that have gone wrong this year for us personally, and also within the country. Now we are facing going back into even more severe restrictions after Christmas Day.

But Christmas isn't cancelled!

In fact, it's perhaps more authentic than usual. There wasn't any tinsel or decorations at the first Christmas. Mary gave birth in a stable and was visited by poor shepherds. There was no feast, no relatives, just Mary, Joseph, and the baby.

It was later that the Wise Men turned up with their exotic gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

A simple Christmas celebration, by ourselves, or with our closest family and friends, can help us to appreciate the real joy of Christmas. Perhaps we can take time to enjoy just being together without the stress of trying to make everything perfect.

On Christmas Day Holy Trinity will be holding a Service of Carols and Readings at 10.30am via Zoom. I hope you will be able to join us. It might feel odd singing along at home but good to hear the familiar words and music.

Christmas isn't cancelled. We can still welcome our Saviour into our hearts and our homes even, or perhaps especially, in 2020.

Wishing you peace and joy at Christmas,
Linda Walls Lay Reader.

Services

Last Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the church was looking lovely. Marj and Fiona had spent a socially distance Saturday arranging the flowers and the greenery. Mary and Joseph were waiting in the stable, the Shepherds were with their sheep and the Wise Men on their way.

Then we were advised by the government that the virus was getting worse. The vestry, with the Bishop's agreement, decided that we should stop in church worship for the time being.

The church building is closed but the Church still functions! We are the Church, and our worship continues.

Wednesdays 8pm Evening Prayer via Zoom

Sundays 10.30am via zoom.

Christmas Eve Eucharist cancelled

Christmas Day 10.30am Service of Readings and Carols via Zoom

Zoom

If you have access to the internet and have not yet tried Zoom, do give it a go. It's easy to install and a good way for Holy Trinity to come together for a chat as well as to enjoy our services in safety.

For those without the internet there are several services on television over the Christmas period. I hope you will be able to hear the familiar story and hear the much-loved hymns.