

Dear Friends,

We are looking forward to being back in church again to worship on Sunday and Neil has sent a link to a sermon bingo sheet which is attached. The service will be recorded and available on the website soon afterwards for those of you who need to stay at home. The coffee and chat via zoom after last week's service worked well and it was good to meet up again. We will be doing it again this week but starting a bit later at 11 o'clock. Joining details are:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96043212931?pwd=TkhwaERmQS9CeXUxMINoRIQ4TXZPUT09>

Meeting ID: 960 4321 2931

Passcode: 814370

The first session of the Advent course has been well received and it has been good to hear that people enjoyed it. It is not too late to join a group so please speak to one of the group leaders if you are thinking about it. Details are attached again. Jane Lawry still has some paper copies of the sessions if you are not able to do it online.

The restrictions of the pandemic have given rise to lots of creative ways of doing things differently this Christmas. Dorothy Firth has sent details of the local Christian Aid's Advent Carol Calendar which replaces their annual carol singing in Fargate. Youtube link <https://youtu.be/0tVvw5kPmKo>

Just giving link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sheffieldca-adventcarols>

When we attended the Diocesan Development Day remotely back in October the main speaker Ruth Valerio spoke about climate change and how we can respond. The Diocesan Synod has just voted to declare a climate and ecological emergency. More details are on the Diocesan website and we will certainly be thinking more about it in the months to come but the attached video by a very articulate 9 year old boy shown at synod is challenging and well worth watching. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3jh1kHCn_s He has lots of practical suggestions of small things we can all do to make a difference.

This letter is full of things which depend on having access to technology and we are conscious that this automatically excludes some people. No amount of technology replaces the sound of another person on the other end of the phone for lifting the spirits and bringing encouragement so please keep the calls coming. With love from Ann & James.