

Dear Friends,

I wonder how many times in the past you have grumbled about the commercialisation of Christmas? This year seems to have a different feel to it. The pandemic has caused many people to reconsider the things that they value most. We have noticed that this year many more of our Christmas cards have nativity pictures on them. The local TV news has featured people gathering outdoors in their streets to sing carols together. The celebration of God coming to earth as a baby and his presence with us is more relevant than ever, even if we will be doing it in a different way.

The Christingle kits will be delivered to you over the next few days. We hope you will enjoy making them and sharing the extra one with a neighbour. Thanks to the Hardie family and team for all the work involved.

The All Saints online Christmas card is ready to sign and you can send a message by using the link: <https://visufund.com/totley-all-saints-christmas-card-2020>. To leave a message you have to click "add message" and the instructions are in the "about page". The links to these are on the left hand side. It's not as complicated as it sounds! As more people add their message the picture will build up so keep looking.

Angela has sent a Cryptic Carols quiz for us which is attached. Answers to follow in the next letter but we are not planning to write next week.

Here are the details for the zoom coffee and chat on Sunday:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97560983759?pwd=ck5RWXFFREw2NnNzR0JJUENIRFZFZz09>

Meeting ID: 975 6098 3759

Passcode: 519711

A reminder of the details of the Christmas services:

Sunday 20th December 5.00pm online Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4.00pm online Crib Service

Christmas Day 9.30am IN CHURCH and ONLINE

**Christmas Praise, followed by a shortened
communion service**

There will not be a service in church on Sunday 27th December but there will be one on the website. Covid regulations permitting we plan to be back in church on 3rd January as well as having the recording on the website.

We want to say a huge thank at this point to all the people who have been working so hard to enable our worship to continue in the different ways throughout the pandemic. We appreciate all you have been doing.

With our best wishes for love, joy and peace this Christmas,

Ann & James

