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FROM THE REVD HELEN ALEXANDER

Greetings to you all for this Advent-Christmas season! The staff group has been busy planning services for what will be a very different Christmas this year and we hope there will be something that appeals to all ages. Hillary has a special piece below about the Christmas Family Service she will lead on Sunday 20 December. I'm sure everyone will agree that it'll be great to have children and young families in church that day, for we've very much missed their presence there over past months.



In the Calendar at the end of this edition you will see what else we're planning, including some innovations in view of the fact that the customary large attendances that Mayfield Salisbury usually attracts for Christingle, Watch-night and Christmas Day services can't happen this year. We agreed that trying to fit the traditional programme into restricted socially-distant circumstances together with a ban on congregational singing might leave people more liable to mourn what has been lost rather than celebrating the gift of Christmas in the present.

So we've done our best for 2020! You'll still hear the Christmas story and some thoughts about it in church and online, as well as favourite Christmas carols that Kate Pearson, Walter Thomson and the

Mayfield Salisbury Chamber Singers are busily planning as I write this. We thank them all most sincerely for their musical talent that comes into its own in this season and that we've also hugely appreciated throughout this strange year. I also want to say that we miss the full choir Sunday by Sunday, while greatly appreciating your summer time contributions. I'm looking forward to your Christmas surprise. Don't worry: I won't tell!

Talking of singing, a non-ecclesiastical number has entered my head recently. It's from *The Sound of Music*, that cinematic classic that was released in 1965. I was a teenager then and much taken with the handsome Christopher Plummer! The song that's going round in my head now is *So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodnight* which the children sang for Captain Von Trapp and his guests in the middle of the film and then joined him and Maria to sing at the end, just before the family's flight into the mountains of Switzerland. I'm remembering this now because I shall be saying *So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye* to you all sometime in January when The Revd Dr Sandy Forsyth is inducted as your Minister. Now I don't want to imply that I'll be departing in the desperate manner of the Von Trapp family (one can press an analogy too far!) but nonetheless, I shall be saying goodbye.

So I'm very glad to have this opportunity now to thank you all for your welcome and kindness over the past year. The coronavirus put paid to just about the only opportunity I had to get to know the congregation a bit over Sunday morning coffee, and yet I've felt a connection to you even when for months I was unable to meet you in person, and more recently could exchange little more than a bow at the door with those who've attended church.

I'd also like to record my thanks to the Staff Team: William, Kay, Hillary, Kate and Walter for their collaboration, creativity and growing friendship over the

past year, not to mention Neil Gardner who has kept us all going as well as keeping us right. Despite the challenges, we've managed to share some good times, and Tuesday mornings will never be quite the same for me when I'm no longer involved in weekly Zoom meetings.

I shall miss you – staff and congregation – and I wish you and your new Minister all good fortune and exciting, creative times in the future. As the Von Trapps **didn't** sing, *Cheerio!* but not until the middle of January!

With very best wishes

Helen

FRIENDS OF WESM CALENDAR

The Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi (WESM) are delighted to announce that their beautiful 2021 calendar is now available for purchase. WESM have been supporting schools and community conservation in Malawi for more than 70 years. Buying their high quality, full colour 2021 calendar which is packed full of stunning photos of Malawi wildlife, will help support WESM's vital work.

The calendars, which include an extra month, would make ideal Christmas gifts as well as being a great idea to treat



yourself, cost £11 or £13.20, inc p+p. To purchase, please contact Hilary Watkinson by email:

hilary.watkinson@btinternet.com

Hilary Watkinson

FAMILY SERVICE AND ADVENT

**Family Service:
Sunday 20 December 2020**

As we enter into this season of Advent, preparing ourselves for the hope, peace, joy and love coming into the world with the birth of Christ, we are also anticipating change to our usual Christmas traditions – both at home with our families, and in church. We understand how important Christmas traditions are, including the ones we share together at Mayfield Salisbury, and we hope to honour that this year with our Family Service which will be taking place on Sunday 20 December at 10:15am.

While it won't be the Christingle service from years past, it will have elements of the Christingle service we know and love, as well as some new traditions that we can cherish this year!

This will be a special service for our families and young people which will have craft, music, prayers and time to reflect on Advent and Christmas together in the sanctuary. There will also be a few opportunities for our young people to help lead and take part in the service.

We're very excited to see many of our families and young people together in the church to celebrate Christmas this year! Our young people and families will be



getting priority booking for attending the Family Service. We hope to see you there!

Hillary

Advent Resources for Families: This year during Advent we have sent out paper Advent Wreaths for our families to create at home, as well as paper to make Advent Prayer chains. I hope that our young people and families will enjoy using these at home together over Advent. If you haven't gotten an electronic copy of either and would like to receive one, please email Hillary.

PASTORAL CARE



It has indeed been quite a year, one that we never will forget. We remember all those who are now among the communion of saints.

We would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the care of members in our congregation and people in our parish.

So many of you have been phoning and supporting each other throughout the months of the pandemic. Phone calls which are still ongoing and necessary and vital.

To those of you who have picked up prescriptions and occasional shopping: thank you.

Some of you have adopted older members of our congregation and it has been touching to see bonds and relationships forming.

The simple act of chumming someone coming out of isolation round the parish: simple yet poignant.

Many of us have been challenged and

frustrated by the lack of freedom; of having to do things differently.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ in the manger in 2020, we should focus on the message of peace and wholeness for all, now and for the year ahead.

Christmas blessings to you all from the Pastoral Care team.

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Kay
Kay McIntosh, Pastoral Assistant.



Send your message to us, and we'll transcribe it on to a cheerful red ribbon and tie it to the railings around the church over the festive season.

It's an opportunity to show concern for our neighbours in the wider community, known and unknown, as well as members of our congregation.

Either email your message to **Kate O'Brien**, kate.obrien@hotmail.co.uk or alternatively phone Kate on **0131 667 4362** or **Deirdre Eustace** on **07785 301182**

You may wish to combine your greetings with a donation to Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal:

Do you remember the Christmas Cards with personal greetings in your own handwriting that were shared around the congregation in previous years to benefit Christian Aid? Unfortunately, such a card won't be possible this year because of Covid-19 restrictions. But instead, we'd like to offer you the chance to send your greetings in a different way which avoids the problems of sharing pens, handling paper etc. and will, we think, look very festive and feel inclusive too!

All you do is to compose a brief Christmas Greeting – preferably not more than ten or so words. (for example: “Greetings to friends and neighbours who have been so thoughtful” or “Happy Christmas to neighbours and new friends in local shops”).

Add your name *if you wish*, but no surnames please, for security reasons.

Together, we can build hope

At the end of one of the most difficult years the world has faced, we invite you to stand together with us to build hope for the poorest and most vulnerable people. Your love builds hope for mothers like Kawite in Ethiopia, a mother on the frontline of the climate crisis.

For the past ten years as the weather has changed unpredictably, Kawite and her community have been facing devastating drought. Christian Aid and our local partner worked alongside Kawite's community, supporting the village to build their own pond which now serves as a new and reliable water source. Because of this work and your generosity they once again can live well on the land.

Donations can be made via the Christian Aid website at www.christianaid.org.uk or by telephone on 020 7523 2269.



And, why not send your loved ones a Christmas present with a difference?

Choose from sponsoring an emergency shelter, clean water, cocoa saplings, antibiotics and from many more options.

Type 'Christian Aid charity gifts' into Google or your preferred search engine and follow the link - or phone 0333 555 2025 to request a paper copy of the catalogue.

The Christian Aid Committee at Mayfield Salisbury will be adding their messages on red ribbons around the Church reaching out to everyone in the congregation and

community at this time. We give thanks for every single financial contribution to Christian Aid over this past year. We look forward to receiving your messages to transcribe on to the red ribbons very soon!

Prayer thoughts

A blessing of hope from Christian Aid:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'. Romans 15:13

May you abound in the hope of the prophets, imagining another way

May you abound in the hope of a mother, singing revolution

May you abound in the hope of an infant, the incarnation of love

May you abound in the love that builds hope this day and evermore

And may you have a hopeful Advent and a comforting Christmas.

Amen.

Wishing Peace to All from Members of the Christian Aid Committee.

MAYFIELD SALISBURY NEWS AND CONTACT LISTS

Please add my details to the following news lists:

- Grapevine printed standard size
- Grapevine printed large print
- Grapevine email
- 0930 email
- Youth Newsletter email
- Congregational email

Please return this form to:

William Mearns,
Church Manager
18 West Mayfield,
Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ.

Call the Church Manager on 0780 801 1234
Email direct to churchmanager@googlemail.com

Name _____ Phone _____
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NEWS

GIFT SERVICES



Thank you all for the amazing warmth and generosity displayed over the donation of gifts for the congregation's annual gift services. There is undoubtedly a huge need in the community for our donations this year and many households which might not have a lot to celebrate in 2020, will now have parcels on Christmas morning. A very large bag of art materials is heading towards Simpson House for use in their Sunflower Garden as well as the gifts which will go out to vulnerable families using their services.

In addition to gifts and cash handed in throughout November, the Buttberg Fund made a grant this year. This enabled us to make purchases matching known needs for some of the recipients.

Re-distribution of your donations is already underway and the administrator at Women's Aid was delighted to receive our gift of vouchers for Sainsbury's and Morrison's supermarkets. Thank you Everyone.

Anne Graham

'HOW WILL CHRISTMAS DIFFER FOR YOU IN 2020?'

Helen Alexander

Helen Alexander tried to answer this question for Mayfield Salisbury in the December edition of *Life and Work* which some members of the congregation may have already read. Unfortunately the wrong photo accompanied the piece. Helen assures you she hasn't changed!



ONLINE DONATIONS



The Church is very grateful to all those who continue to support it through their regular and one-off donations, now possible through standing order or the "give.net" facility on the website. So many members have kindly changed from Freewill Offering Envelopes to standing order that envelopes will not be distributed in future.

Direct link:
www.give.net/20311853

Hugh Somerville, Free Will Offerings Treasurer

Because of ongoing concerns regarding Covid19 it is not known when open plate offerings will recommence. If you wish to discuss the manner of your future offerings please feel free to contact me using the details shown on the last page of this newsletter.

MAYFIELD MILERS



The Mayfield Milers in the times of Covid-19 restrictions: we have to keep within the City of Edinburgh boundary and walk with no more than one other person keeping the two metre distance apart.

BUT... There are seven hills to climb and many other city walks like those we usually do in winter time: I understand the seven hills have already been bagged !!!

Here are suggestions from Molly Woolgar:

- Lochs and ponds
- Water of Leith to Leith in easy stages
- The Braidburn to Portobello
- The Astley Ainslie Grounds
- Most Cemeteries have good paths
- Craigmillar Castle grounds

Get walking!

Best wishes

Jenny McCallum

NEW MIDWEEK PEACE AND PRAYERS

10.00am to 11.00am every Wednesday in the Sanctuary, commencing 18 November.

- Have you been considering visiting the sanctuary for 5 Minutes' Peace on a Wednesday evening but are deterred by the dark and the cold?
- Are you missing Tuesday Morning Prayers?

If so, then we have good news! Mayfield Salisbury is launching a new midweek daytime initiative which will combine these two activities! During the winter months, members of the congregation will have the opportunity to spend a time of silent

prayer/meditation in the sanctuary during daylight hours and also participate in worship and fellowship in communal prayers led by our Pastoral Assistant Kay McIntosh.

- 10:00 to 10:30am

Prayers led by Kay McIntosh

- 10:30 to 11:00am

Sanctuary open for private prayer

Come along for either or both on Wednesdays.

Following 5 Minutes' Peace on 11 November, we will stop holding evening sessions over the winter



It has been another busy month with Hikes, Ghost Tours and night visits to Bonaly Scout Centre. As part of our Centenary celebrations, we decided to plant 100 trees at the Bonaly Scout Centre. The trees will grow to provide shelter for part of the campsite as well meeting some of the troop's environmental goals.

What better way to transport the trees to the planting location than using the troop trek cart that dates back to 1922, just after the troop was founded. The cart was used by the scouts in the 1920's to take their kit to their summer camp and treks in the southern highlands. Recently refurbished, this was the first outing for the cart in its renewed state.

The scouts had a great day and really enjoyed planting the trees, knowing that

they were making a contribution to the site for future generations. Having had so many of our centenary celebrations cancelled because of the pandemic, it would great complete this challenge and to connect with our past by using the trek cart.

Troop founder, John Wood Smith, is second from the left, with the trek cart in the background.

Thanks to the support of the Mayfield Salisbury Covid Task Group, we were able to commence indoor meetings again with limited numbers. Preparation involved working through a detailed risk assessment with Heather Cubie and her team. We are very grateful for all the hard work and co-operation to help us in a further step towards normality.



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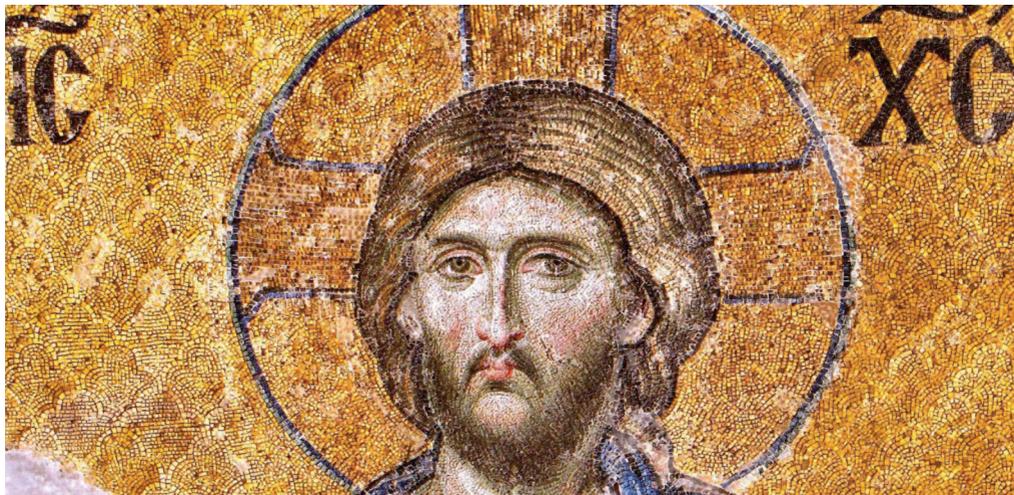
Further thanks are due to the Kirk Session of Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church for the extremely kind gift of £1,000 from the Shierlaw Fund to *show our appreciation and ongoing commitment to the 28th Braid Scout Troop in the form of a gift to mark its centenary year.* The Troop was founded in Fountainhall Road Church and Mayfield North became our home when the



churches amalgamated. We have always been grateful for the support of the church and congregation and we are working with the Kirk Session to find a way to mark the troop's centenary at a church service.

Alan Dickson
Scout Leader

Scottish Charity No SC006141



Christ the King

Readings: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20 - 24 and St Matthew 25: 31 - 46

This reflection is available to listen online at: www.mayfieldsalisbury.org

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

This Sunday marks the end of the Christian Year before we swing into another cycle next week with the start of Advent.

It is marked in our lectionary with the heading of *The Reign of Christ the King*. Matthew's Gospel offers us the Last Judgement and, from long before, the prophet Ezekiel lays out the images on which Matthew's Jesus would draw for his teaching.

Matthew, like all writers, is of his time and place and background. As is his audience. He writes for Jewish converts. He may have been a rabbi judging by his teaching

style. Some scholars think that this word picture of the Last Judgement is all Matthew's work rather than a record of what Jesus said directly. No other Gospel writer repeats the narrative and the imagery fits Matthew so well – it draws on the images of Jewish apocalyptic – that literature of despair when nothing it seems can be done and longs for the day when God intervenes to sort everything out. It also fits in with that Old Testament view of resurrection and judgement as being a rather more communal event. And, of course, it stands in the tradition which maintained that there is only one God who chose one people as his witness – so it mattered how that group behaved amongst itself and it would be in that company that the fulfilment of all things would be prefigured.

Matthew sets its first telling in what we

now call Holy Week. But he uses it first some fifty or more years later to his congregation which may not have been much bigger than the one gathered here. As Helen commented last Sunday, they are beginning to feel the cold blast of resentment and the threat of persecution. They are looking for the the return of the Christ. The first audience think that the end is really nigh and that will be the final resolution.

Matthew tells it as a rabbi would – a story with some exaggerated features, two impossibly stereotypical goodies and baddies to highlight the point and a punchy ending.

You'll notice that in the story both the sheep and the goats are surprised by what the Son of Man says.

The sheep can't believe that what they have been doing is remarkable – and neither do the goats.

Matthew preaching to these early Christians some years after the Romans have destroyed the Jerusalem Temple in 70AD is of course saying something about their present day even as he paints a picture of the end of time.

The sheep and the goats have the raised eyebrows and the gaping mouths of those who have not really considered their behaviour in this very short time before Jesus returned.

In the interval they have all done as they saw fit and now in this drama they are suddenly and unexpectedly set before the King who picks between them based on the choices they had made. Sheep and goats had just been waiting for the end of

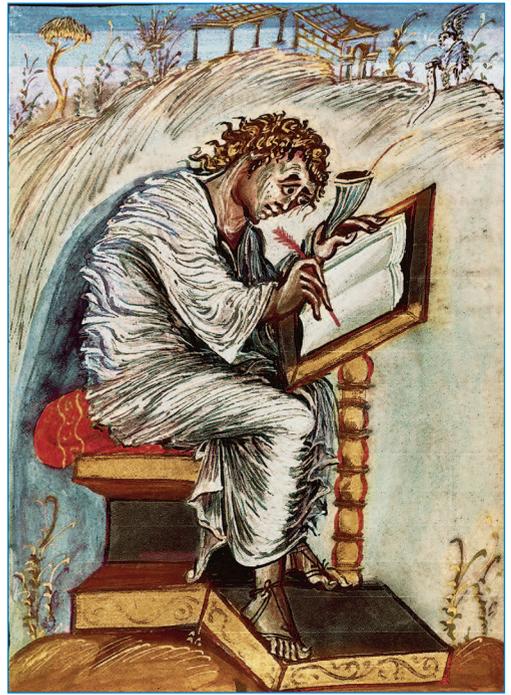


Illustration of St Matthew, from the 9th century Ebbo Gospels in the Municipal Library, Épernay, France, depicts him writing a Gospel

the day and they are both astonished that how they spent their waiting time should determine their fate.

Perhaps wrongly we have learned not to expect Jesus back anytime soon.

So how do we hear it all these years later in our culture and in our current predicament?

What Matthew holds before us is an idea of divine authority which is not about the power to enforce behaviour. His Christ the King is not an autocrat enforcing good or preventing bad but a shepherd, who in the style of middle-eastern husbandry, goes ahead of his mixed flock and leads them both sheep and goats.

This account of the Last Judgement at the end of another year when the Church has told the story of Jesus Christ from beginning to end – patriarchs and prophets, John the Baptist and Mary, shepherds and wisemen, fishermen and tax collectors and house keepers, swindlers and adulterers, beggars and prostitutes, Pharisees and Saducees, Centurion, Governor, Soldier all interact with the Nazarene.

People then and now can make of him what they will.

Some of us some of the time are drawn in by the story. We want to live as he lived, we see in his selfless defenceless ways the glimpse of another life. We choose to follow, to do as he did.

At our best we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty. We are hospitable and charitable because this now seems the right way to live. It is copycat selflessness. At our best we step into the good news as the gospel is repeated and the symbols of bread and wine are shared. We do so not to be rewarded for the ordinary acts of kindness but because when the spirit blows through us it seems the only right thing to do.

Most of the time. Well some of the time.

In the Last Judgement this is named as of eternal significance.

Others and we at other times have seen the needs but turned away, passed by on the other side. As is sensible.

We worship on a Sunday and we put in our offering and we receive the signs that point to salvation. And that is enough. Otherwise we live in the big bad world

where people are always trying to take a loan of you; where the inadequate ask for what they should have earned themselves; where the prisoner gets the justice they deserved. And with a sharp turn of the heel we and they avoid contamination by the sick.

In Matthew's story this inaction is dragged up in the accusation. Inaction which had been an option set before them, a free choice from which they had not been barred.

This is nature of the Kingdom which Jesus announced as he preached in Nazareth. One where the King can't – doesn't want to – make you do anything.

It is a community where you are free to come and go. It is not fenced in by elaborate rules with consequential penalties for the rule breaker. Indeed the rule breaker often seems to be more comfortable.

The King of this Kingdom is not 'almighty' in the sense that he can pull the strings and make us dance.

Now it seems to me that is precisely the God that we need in a pandemic. The one who is powerless. Who cannot keep the virus out of my lungs. Who long ago could not stop the soldiers driving in the nails. Who in the waiting days offers me the free choice about how I should behave.

Let me tell you why.

The God who can pull this puppet's strings, who can make things happen, who can order our behaviour can be blamed for the disaster that is still unfolding across the globe. The powerful-but-fickle God who lets one live and one die is guilty. The God



Jesus with the Apostles James Tissot (1836 to 1902)

would have no place in Matthew's picture of the Last Judgement where the astonished sheep and goats are called to account, much to their surprise, for how they had chosen to behave out in the field when they were at liberty to do as they pleased.

The God who controls is above the fray and is not with me in the struggles of this life.

We are, I believe, free range creatures. Both sheep and goat at different times.

We have been offered a King to follow but he can't make us do what he wants.

He can only show us.

He can demonstrate how to live life but he can't even hold on to his own never mind mould ours to some standard shape against our will.

He can take the lead and when we don't follow he can come and look for us to give

a second chance. But then it's still up to us. The natural world from hurricane to virus does its thing and only the God who is not above these things can be with me when disaster strikes. "The King of Love my shepherd is" as the hymn would have it. Is this not what love is? Loving is the opposite of controlling.

Controlling is, of course, cheaper than loving – if you can pull it off then there is far less in the way of sacrifice and the constant danger that the object of your love will not love you back.

Love is sharing in the pain, knowing the frailty and the weakness of the other who, like you, is made in the image of God with the freedom to be themselves.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory and with all his angels he will know how it has been for me for he has walked this dangerous road before me and tried and failed and died. And rose again.

I am very happy to end this year of particular trials knowing that there is beside me and before me that love which both searches me out and lets me be.

And if I can be what love wants me to be then no virus can take my life.

Amen.

COVID TASK GROUP UPDATE

Our last communication was for the September edition of *Grapevine*, when face-to-face services were just about to start. It contained details of how we could protect everyone's safety, details with which you will have become very familiar.

While the second wave of covid lingers, we have made progress in reopening our premises to some groups after consideration of carefully compiled and scrutinised risk assessments by each organisation. I thought perhaps you might like to know what is happening beyond Sunday services.

The first back into the Halls was Newington Nursery which was able to start a week after schools went back in August, thus providing essential childcare for a small group of under fives and allowing some parents to get back to work, whether at home or because they are essential workers.

Five Minutes Peace started around the same time, on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary and has since, and for the time being, merged with Morning Prayers as Midweek Peace and Prayers, led by Kay at 10.00am on Wednesday morning. Activities for our Sunday School and Youth have advanced, with the Youth returning to the Bill McDonald Hall during every second Sunday service, under the guidance of Hillary and the team. More specific activities are being planned for Sunday School and families during December, reported elsewhere in this edition.



External users have needed additional levels of scrutiny and their return to indoor meetings needs consideration of their risk assessment by us, their governing organisation and

Presbytery notification. November brought the first meetings of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers and the Grange School of Ballet on a Saturday. December will see a single welcome back meeting for Brownies (indoors) and Rainbows (outdoors). Everyone is taking it slowly, keeping numbers low, with agreed cleaning protocols in place (before and after) being a prerequisite for approval by us.

We have had eight Task Group meetings since I took on the chair of what was going to be a 'short-lived' working group. There will be more to do in the New Year as restrictions change, but do not disappear. Just to let you know we think consolidation is the most important aspect to ensure safety for now and we will not be considering any other uses of premises before mid-January at the earliest.

I would however like to thank everyone who on the Task Group: Charles, Steve, Alison, Boyd, Alastair and William, together with Neil and Helen, all of whom have made big contributions on different aspects of the complex environment in which we are trying to operate.

Heather Cubie,
on behalf of the Covid Task Group

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

Communal worship in the sanctuary continues though with limited numbers. **Full and up-to-date information, is available on the church website** or from Heather Cubie, our Covid-19 task group chair, or William Mearns, Church Manager (0131 667 1522)

- There will be a service of worship at 10.15am each Sunday.
- Please enter by the West Door on Mayfield Road.
- Keep a 2 meter distance from others.
- Available seats are marked with an order of service
- A one way system, means that you will leave by the door beside the pulpit and then out of the West Mayfield door.
- Masks must be worn at all times, except for those with an exemption.

Booking system

We only have limited spaces available - please book your place ahead.

Phone: On Wednesdays, from 11.00am to 1.00pm, you may reserve a space by phoning the Church Office: 0131 667 1522.

Internet: We would encourage anyone with internet access to use the Eventbrite from 3pm on Wednesdays. The system can be accessed from our website via this link: www.mayfieldsalisbury.org/attend

- Those who attend will need to leave contact details, for the purpose of the Test and Protect scheme.

We have taken out a contract with cleaners to ensure hygienic conditions. Please remember that our online services will continue to be put on the website at

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

December

6 Joel 1,2 / Psalm 139
7 Joel 3 / Revelation 5
8 Amos 1,2 / Revelation 6
9 Amos 3,4 / Psalms 140,141
10 Amos 5,6 / Revelation 7
11 Amos 7,8 / Revelation 8
12 Amos 9 / Revelation 9
13 Obadiah / Psalms 142,143
14 Jonah 1,2 / Revelation 10
15 Jonah 3,4 / Revelation 11
16 Micah 1-3 / Psalm 144
17 Micah 4,5 / Revelation 12
18 Micah 6,7 / Revelation 13
19 Nahum 1-3 / Revelation 14
20 Habakkuk 1-3 / Psalm 145
21 Zephaniah 1-3 / Revelation 15
22 Haggai 1,2 / Revelation 16
23 Zechariah 1,2 / Psalms 146,147
24 Zechariah 3,4 / Revelation 17
25 Zechariah 5,6 / Revelation 18
26 Zechariah 7,8 / Revelation 19
27 Zechariah 9,10 / Psalm 148

28 Zechariah 11,12 / Revelation 20
29 Zechariah 13,14 / Revelation 21
30 Malachi 1,2 / Psalms 149,150
31 Malachi 3,4 / Revelation 22

January 2021

1 Genesis 1,2 / Matthew 1
2 Genesis 3,4 / Matthew 2
3 Genesis 5,6 / Matthew 3
4 Genesis 7,8 / Psalms 1,2
5 Genesis 9-11 / Matthew 4
6 Genesis 12,13 / Matthew 5
7 Genesis 14,15 / Psalms 3,4
8 Genesis 16,17 / Matthew 6
9 Genesis 18,19 / Matthew 7
10 Genesis 20,21 / Matthew 8
11 Genesis 22,23 / Psalms 5,6
12 Genesis 24,25 / Matthew 9
13 Genesis 26,27 / Matthew 10
14 Genesis 28,29 / Psalms 7,8
15 Genesis 30,31 / Matthew 11
16 Genesis 32,33 / Matthew 12
17 Genesis 34-36 / Matthew 13
18 Genesis 37,38 / Psalm 9

19 Genesis 39,40 / Matthew 14
20 Genesis 41,42 / Matthew 15
21 Genesis 43,44 / Psalm 10
22 Genesis 45,46 / Matthew 16
23 Genesis 47,48 / Matthew 17
24 Genesis 49,50 / Matthew 18
25 Exodus 1,2 / Psalms 11,12
26 Exodus 3,4 / Matthew 19
27 Exodus 5,6 / Matthew 20
28 Exodus 7,8 / Psalms 13,14
29 Exodus 9,10 / Matthew 21
30 Exodus 11,12 / Matthew 22
31 Exodus 13,14 / Matthew 23

February

1 Exodus 15,16 / Psalms 15,16
2 Exodus 17,18 / Matthew 24
3 Exodus 19,20 / Matthew 25
4 Exodus 21,22 / Psalm 17
5 Exodus 23,24 / Matthew 26
6 Exodus 25,26 / Matthew 27
7 Exodus 27,28 / Matthew 28
8 Exodus 29, 30 / Psalm 18
9 Exodus 31,32 / Acts 1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note: Midweek Peace and Prayers will not take place on 23 and 30 December.

December 2020

Sun 6 **Second Sunday of Advent** **Revd Helen Alexander**

8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

Wed 9 **10.00am to 11.00am** **Midweek Peace and Prayers - In the Sanctuary**

10:00am - 10:30am Prayers led by Kay McIntosh
10:30am - 11:00am Sanctuary open for private prayer

Sun 13 **Third Sunday of Advent - Revd Helen Alexander**

8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

Wed 16 **10.00am to 11.00am** **Midweek Peace and Prayers - In the Sanctuary**

10:00am - 10:30am Prayers led by Kay McIntosh
10:30am - 11:00am Sanctuary open for private prayer

Sun 20 **Fourth Sunday of Advent - Hillary Leslie**

8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am **Family Service in the Sanctuary (see page 4)**

Wed 23 **Service of Readings and Carols - Revd Helen Alexander**

7.30pm *onwards* Online Worship: Website
7.30pm *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
7.30pm Evening Worship in the Sanctuary

Thu 24 **Reflection and Carols for Christmas Eve - Revd Helen Alexander**

7.00pm *onwards* Online Worship ****no service in the church****
7.00pm *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon

Fri 25 **Online Carols and Greetings from the Staff**

8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am to 11.45am Sanctuary open for private prayer ****prayers only****

Sun 27 **Service of Readings and Carols - 1st Sunday after Christmas - Anne Mulligan**

8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

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- Sun 3 Second Sunday after Christmas - Revd Helen Alexander**
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- Wed 6 10.00am to 11.00am Midweek Peace and Prayers - In the Sanctuary**
10:00am - 10:30am Prayers led by Kay McIntosh
10:30am - 11:00am Sanctuary open for private prayer
- Sun 10 The Baptism of the Lord - Revd Helen Alexander**
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- Wed 13 10.00am to 11.00am Midweek Peace and Prayers - In the Sanctuary**
10:00am - 10:30am Prayers led by Kay McIntosh
10:30am - 11:00am Sanctuary open for private prayer
- Sun 17 Second Sunday after the Epiphany - TBC**
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- Wed 20 10.00am to 11.00am Midweek Peace and Prayers - In the Sanctuary**
10:00am - 10:30am Prayers led by Kay McIntosh
10:30am - 11:00am Sanctuary open for private prayer
- Sun 24 Third Sunday after the Epiphany - TBC**
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- Wed 27 10.00am to 11.00am Midweek Peace and Prayers - In the Sanctuary**
10:00am - 10:30am Prayers led by Kay McIntosh
10:30am - 11:00am Sanctuary open for private prayer
- Sun 31 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany - TBC**
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am **Family Service** in the Sanctuary

February

- Wed 3 10.00am to 11.00am Midweek Peace and Prayers - In the Sanctuary**
10:00am - 10:30am Prayers led by Kay McIntosh
10:30am - 11:00am Sanctuary open for private prayer
- Sun 7 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - TBC**
8.00am *onwards* Online Worship: Website
8.00am *onwards* Phone Worship: Dial-a-Sermon
10.15am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

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Departures

Edith Barrowcliffe
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