

The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton

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Dear Friends,

First, can I thank everyone who's sent Christmas cards and greetings? It means so much that we keep encouraging one another when Christmas celebrations are so restricted.

Having said that, our Christmas services are all going ahead as planned. With this mailing, I'm enclosing contents of two services, the Christmas Eve Midnight Communion, and the service for Sunday 27th December (which is St John the Evangelist's Day). So there are sermons from myself and Richard Shreeve, and intercessions by David Hughes and David Fulljames. We have included the Communion order of service, as it seemed appropriate to make the recorded service Communion at Christmas.

Christmas Readings: Hebrews 4: 1-4 John 1: 1-14

Collect: *Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.*

Sunday 27th December Readings: 1 John 1: 1-10 John 21: 19b-25

Collect *God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

I do want to thank every who's been involved in our Christmas services, and especially the technical team, who have worked their Christmas socks off to enable us to continue with the whole round of services, making many available both in church and at home. Going forward, we need to expand the technical team if we are to keep going as we have been. Please have a think if you, or anyone you know, could offer to learn an element of the tasks.

The raffle associated with the joint virtual Christmas Fair was drawn on Sunday, and I attach a list of the prize winners. They should all have been contacted in person by now. Very great thanks to Les for the raffle, and indeed all the organising team, and to all who have contributed in different ways and supported this venture. Although we don't yet have the final total of funds raised for our two churches, we can say that it is in excess of £1500, which is a wonderful achievement. Thank you all.

It remains for me to wish you as happy a Christmas as can be managed in these times. Although our plans may be horribly disrupted, may we all know the peace, hope and joy that comes through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, at this time, and always.

Phil