

**The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton**  
**The Parish of Tettenhall Wood**

Rev Phil Wootton  
Team Rector

7 Broxwood Park, Tettenhall Wood  
Wolverhampton. WV6 8LZ  
Tel: 01902 751116  
e-mail: philwootton@sky.com

10 December 2020

Dear Friends,

As we reach the Third Sunday of Advent, Christmas preparations are hotting up. Whether you've worked out complex family bubbling combinations, or are simply keeping quiet at home, I hope you find what works best for you.

This week in church, it's Morning Prayer at 9.30 at Good Shepherd, and Holy Communion, 11.00 at Christ Church. I enclose a copy of my sermon and intercessions from Roy Hancox.

Readings:        Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-12        John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Collect: *God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Don't forget the online carol service which will be available to join in at home, on the website, Facebook and YouTube, from 4.00pm. For those who receive the DVD, it's recorded on this week's. Enormous thanks to everyone who's been involved in putting this service together: it's been a massive undertaking.

A word of explanation about the 'Quiet Christmas' service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December (4.00pm at Christ Church): it's a service of quiet music, readings and reflection, giving space to acknowledge the pain and loss of the past year as we have gone through this dark time, as well as looking with eyes of hope to the coming of Christ amongst us.

I trust you all received last week details of our Christmas services. Although we don't foresee any changes, it's always worth keeping an eye on the parish website as we continue to live in uncertain times.

One other note: it's our custom to donate our collections at services on Christmas Day for a specific cause. This year they will be given to the Children's Society.

May the hope Christ brings dwell in your heart, this week and always.

Phil