

**The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton**  
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Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and bearing up as much as possible under the new lockdown restrictions.

We are grateful that we are allowed to continue with services in church, so this week it will be Morning Prayer at 9.30 at Good Shepherd, and Holy Communion at 11.00 at Christ Church. As I've said before, please do not feel under pressure to attend in person: the online, on paper and by DVD service is available for all to join in at home. Please make your own judgment on what is right for you.

For those who do come to church in person, remember it is not lawful to mingle with anyone not in your own household or support bubble, so conversation before and after the service must be kept to an absolute minimum. Keeping to this requirement, along with existing safety precautions, will enable worship to continue in a safe environment.

On this Sunday, the First in Epiphany, we remember Christ's baptism, and this forms the theme for Rev Carol's sermon and Jane Brough's intercessions. I also enclose the order of service for the Epiphany season.

Readings: Acts 19: 1-7 Mark 1: 4-11

Collect: *Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Last Sunday I was able to announce in church the proceeds of our joint virtual Christmas fair: £1672.81 will be divided equally between the two churches. A fantastic achievement, and massive thanks to all involved!

My thanks once more to all involved in the technical side of delivering services both in church and at home. I've had one response so far to my pleas for additional help. Thank you. If there could be another couple that would be absolutely brilliant.

It looks like the next few weeks are going to be the toughest yet. Let's all do our best to support one another – prayer and phone calls I guess are the obvious ways – and keep faith that the Lord will lead us through.

May God be with you all,

Phil