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Dear Friends,

First of all, may I wish you a very Happy New Year? With spreading infections and Tier 4 status, happiness may seem too high an aspiration, even if the prospect of mass vaccination is coming closer. However, we draw our strength for the year ahead from God, as we did for the year gone by, and pray we may stay faithful to God as God is faithful to us.

Our service this week has a distinctively New Year flavour. There's a special order of service (attached) which includes the 'Covenant Prayer', adopted and adapted from Methodism, through which we commit ourselves afresh to God for the year ahead. Please keep this in front of you, not just in the service, but as profound and challenging words to reflect on over the days and weeks ahead.

Also enclosed is my sermon and intercessions from Roy Hancox. The Tier 4 regime allows services in church to continue – this week, 9.30 Holy Communion at Good Shepherd; 11.00 Morning Prayer at Christ Church.

Readings: Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 10-18

Collect: *God our Father, in love you sent your Son that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.*

After a short post-Christmas break, we need to review how we undertake all our operations. Before Christmas, I appealed for anyone to come forward who'd be willing to assist with any of the technical preparations for our services, both for access at home and the Powerpoints for use in church. Now really is the time to step forward. You may not know exactly what the tasks consist of, or whether you could do them or not, but a show of willingness – and of willingness to learn – would be very greatly appreciated. We also need to share out more the jobs needing doing in church – so there's scope for the non-technical as well. Please don't hold back!

My thanks once more for everyone who's done so much to keep the church in action over the past year. Let's look forward positively and hopefully to the year ahead.

With every blessing

Phil