

Christmas Services 2020

Sunday 20th: Fourth Sunday of Advent 10.30 am at St. Columba
Christmas Eve: Nativity Service 4 pm outside in Stephen Hill car park
Midnight Mass 11 pm at Stephen Hill
Christmas Day: Family Service 10.30 am at St. Columba



Planned services may change due to Covid restrictions

We should love you to join us with Church- there are lots of ways!

Join us in person: please note numbers in Church are limited because of social distancing regulations, so if you would like to attend **any of our Christmas or Sunday services** please contact Brenda Nelson on 07835455562 or at bj.nelson@btopenworld.com

Join us by Zoom: just follow the links for the services

The Nativity - 4.00pm on Christmas Eve at Stephen Hill - [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 973 4279 5546 Passcode: 092280

Midnight Mass - 11.00pm on Christmas Eve at Stephen Hill - [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 998 1037 1225 Passcode: 900886

Christmas Day Service 2020 at 10.30am at St Columba - [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 996 3179 3393 Passcode: 436539

The following Sunday morning services at 10.30am - [Click here](#)

Meeting ID: 951 3096 4519 Passcode: service

Sunday, 20th December, 4th Sunday in Advent, the service will be at St Columba

Sunday, 27th December there will be a short Zoom service from home

Sunday, 3rd January the service will be held at Stephen Hill and

Sunday, 10th January the service will be at St Columba

Join us by phone: Dial **0330 088 5830** followed by the Meeting ID: **951 3096 4519** and Passcode: **7647720**

Please send any news or notices for the notice sheet by Lunchtime on Wednesdays.

Email admin@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk or phone 267 0006

Email: shgrapevine@gmail.com or ring Brenda : 2306918 or John : 2304960

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Christmas and New Year 2020-21



O come, let us adore Him.

" And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger. because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7

Pastoral

The Pastoral Prayers Group prayer link continues with our thoughts and prayers for all the members of our Church families and the community who are unwell or have special needs at this very different Christmas time. Please continue to let Maureen Owen or George Wild know of anyone who should be included in our prayers.

Each week we pray for all the community in Crosspool and this week especially for the Staff, Pupils, Parents and Governors of Tapton School and over the Christmas and New Year period for the residents of Tetney Road, Vernon Delph and Vernon Terrace.

Virtual Carol Sing - Monday, 21st December at 10.30 am

By popular request, Bob Townrow is organising another virtual carol sing using Zoom. It will last about an hour and will include some different carols to last time. Attached to the Grapevine (electronic version) is a sheet for those carols which do not have words displayed on the screen. Join on Zoom by clicking [this link](#) or log in using the Meeting ID: 984 5193 2379 and Passcode: 257561. You can join by telephone. Dial 0330 088 5830 followed by the Meeting ID: 984 5193 2379 and Passcode: 257561.

Two more Christmas quizzes - and answers to previous quizzes

There is no charge for the quizzes but you can if you wish donate to Stephen Hill Charities or The Salvation Army. Please post any gifts, appropriately labelled, in the letterbox at Stephen Hill or hand to a Steward. Thank you.

Online Advent Calendar of Christian Aid carols

You can subscribe to the Youtube channel [Advent Carols, Sheffield 2020](#) by following their on-screen instructions. They will then send a notification to listen to different carols from Christmas rap to traditional carols sung by church choirs and performances of some of Sheffield's local carols each day from the 1st - 24th December.

There is also a [link](#) to donate to Christian Aid via their Justgiving page or you can go to the **Justgiving** site and search for **Advent Carols, Sheffield 2020**. During the most 'unusual' Advent in living memory, let's see if we can beat normal amount raised, of £1,000!

Our SacREd Space Carol Service on our YouTube channel

Unfortunately, we have been unable to have a Carol service this year so instead the SacREd Space team have put a [SacREd Space Carol service](#) online. It comprises 9 traditional Carols interspersed with modern readings designed to get to the heart of the Christmas story and its relevance to today's world. Please have 3 candles ready to light near the end of the service.

A Sheffield Advent

An exhibition by Adrian Scott can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.whirlowspiritualitycentre.org/a-sheffield-advent>

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A Christmas message from Rev Iain Lothian

Christmas is already Easter: A Franciscan perspective

Easter, not Christmas, was the big celebration for the first 1200 years of Christianity. It was St. Francis who popularised and celebrated Christmas. To his normally fasting friars, he said "Even the walls should eat meat on Christmas Day". For Francis, if the Incarnation – God becoming human - was true then Easter and our redemption took care of itself because the problem of distance or separation from God was resolved forever. God became Emmanuel – God with us.

Also, once God became embodied as a human being, then nothing human or material was abhorrent to God. In fact, St. Francis saw the sacred in everything, which is what we unconsciously realise at Christmas. We make as much as we can special by decorating everything: from Christmas trees - to mantel-pieces - to the outside of our houses - to our pets - to make them look beautiful and special and sacred. So, this Christmas enjoy the physical trappings of Christmas, especially after such a hard 2020, but also look at the spirit that lies hidden in the material because it is in the material, that the Spirit of God is embodied.

Happy Christmas to you all

With Every Blessing *Iain*

Church midweek opening times over the Christmas and New Year period

Personal safety is a priority; sanitising and social distancing will be observed

Monday, 21st December at 10.00am - Morning Prayer at St Columba

Wednesday, 23rd December at 10.00am - Morning Prayer at St Columba

Thursday, 24th December from 10.00am - 12noon - Private Prayer at St Columba

No midweek opening from 28th December 2020 to 4th January 2021 inclusive

Wednesday, 6th January at 10.00am - Morning Prayer at Stephen Hill

Thursday, 7th January from 10.00am - 12noon - Private Prayer at Stephen Hill

Monday, 11th January at 10.00am - Morning Prayer at Stephen Hill

Wednesday, 13th January at 10.00am - Morning Prayer at St Columba

Thursday, 14th January from 10.00am - 12noon - Private Prayer at St Columba

Please note: venues may change if St Columba Church becomes a COVID vaccination centre

Merry Christmas from all of us involved in producing and distributing the Grapevine Newssheet. We'll be back for Sunday, 17th January 2021; please send items for inclusion no later than Wednesday, 13th January.

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