

## Church Family Newsletter 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Dear Church Family,

It is with sadness we have to let you know that due to increased covid risk we are having to **cancel our Christmas Eve services**. Other churches we know in the deanery are having to do the same.

### Crib Service Cancelled

**The Crib service was** due to have well over 100 people at it, including 50 children, but due to the announcements this week, and in particular today that we are heading into Tier 4, we think it is a covid risk that would not be wise to take. Many of our volunteers and helpers are themselves vulnerable, and we were down on help due to some helpers living in Tier 4 and unable to come.

### Online Christmas Service

**Instead, we will have a premier of our nativity and crib service online as part of our main Online Christmas Service 4pm tomorrow!**

See us on YouTube from 4pm Christmas Eve:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDtsdqyqX6S8yZZI5S-pK6Q>

### Collect your Christingle!

**Also come by the Stables Hall (Next to the church) tomorrow afternoon 12-3pm and pick up a Christingle you can make at home! It has an orange, sweets, fruit (all packed and covid safe) - we have a lot of them...! (do distance please)**

### Midnight Communion Cancelled

We have also had to **cancel our joint midnight communion** at Eridge. This was due to the covid restrictions meaning that people were not able to be there who had signed up, making the service not viable this year.

### Christmas Day Services Are Going Ahead

Our other services for Christmas Day are going ahead, and we ask that you are especially careful with social distancing and not interacting with people outside of your household or bubble. **For Frant there are no more bookings available, but there is a handful at Eridge.** Please don't just turn up.

### This Sunday

A reminder: **this Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> December 2020) is a joint service at Eridge 11:15am.**

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Much prayers for safety, and that the good news of Christmas will fill our hearts with comfort and joy this difficult Christmas.

-Rev Brendan