The Link

The Newsletter for St. Cyprian's Church, Lenzie Christmas 2020

The next Link will be on Sunday 3rd January.

I,m really sorry, but I have to ask people not to leave Christmas Cards in church this year with Covid-19 restrictions. I know this is difficult as people may not have addresses of others in church, and we are not allowed to give addresses out. This is what I plan:

I have put a box in church for people to put Christmas cards in for those you cannot post or give directly. Please put a stamp on them. I will then address them myself from our records and post them. I hope that helps.

Each Sunday at the moment we have a Eucharist at 10.30am.

For those who don't feel they can join us at this time, the service will be streamed on Zoom at the same time. How to get into the streamed service is circulated by E.mail during the week, and is also posted on our website.

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Each Sunday we are creating a short special online service. It should be available on Sundays. The easiest way to "find" it is to go to the front of our website and simply click on the panel.

https://stcyprianslenzie.com

The video will also be on social media, particularly our facebook page, as well as other local facebook pages.

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If you would like to get something into the Link please let our Rector Les Ireland know on 0141-776 3866 or e-mail rector@stcyprianslenzie.com by teatime on Wednesday evenings. Thanks.

Please note, for the foreseeable future the Link – our weekly newsletter – will only be available online. If someone wants a paper version, we are happy to print one off and get it to you. Just contact the Rector.

Through these difficult times, and through the Christmas period, we are keen that people don't feel isolated or in need. If you need any help, or simply want to chat to someone, feel free to phone the Rector at any time on

0141 776 3866.

Halleluia

The light of Christ has come into the world…

PRAYERS

Sunday 20th December

ANGLICAN: Mission Agencies (including the Mother's Union) around the world.

DIOCESAN: St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet, St. Francis of Assisi (Greyfriars) Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett)

21st : Safety for those travelling over the holiday.
22nd: Our preparations for the Christmas Festival.
23rd : Those who find Christmas a difficult time.
24th : Those struggling to decide their plans.
25th : Thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord.
26th: Peace Throughout the world.

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Sunday 27th December

Anglican: Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

Diocesan: St. Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Douglas Allison, Alan Rumble)

28th: Families, especially those divided.
29th: The Ascension Trust, training street pastors.
30th: All the peoples of the world.
31st: Thanksgiving for the year at an end.
1st: Thanksgiving for every new beginnng.
2nd: Love for God and our neighbour.

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Please pray for these people: Rosa Revell and her sister; Bob And Gill Anderson; Shaunda Day, Justina Oguogu; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan and Shona Naysmith; Jean McLean and her mother; Jean Dick, Pam Bently; Jean Kinnon, Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; and those whose names are in the "Prayer Book" at the back of church.

Readings set for 20th December (Advent 4):

2Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1: 26-38.

Collect: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings set for 25th December (Christmas):

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1: 1-14.

Collect: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings set for 27th December (Christmas 1):

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3; Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Collect Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Christmas services

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Sunday 20th

"Non-singing"

Carol Service,

6.30pm

Live and zoomed

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Christmas Eve

11.45 – Zoom only service – thoughts in the dark hours

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Christmas Day

10.30am

Eucharist both live and zoomed.