

Message from Lorna 21st December 2020

Well friends, it has been a difficult few days. I have been in touch with some since the announcements of Saturday and thank you to all who have spent time thinking about how we approach our in person worship in the light of those announcements. You will see from the message from Andrew, our Superintendent Minister, that earlier today the decision was taken that, now we find ourselves in Tier 4, Churches in our circuit are not able to open for in person worship. I know that this will be a huge disappointment for many as it is for me. I can assure you though that the decision was not taken easily.

This means there is a bit of work to get things in place for worship over Christmas. I am going to lead a Zoom service on **Christmas Day** from the manse and **this will be at 10am**. I will send details out to the Zoom list soon, but please remember you can join via telephone as well so please let me or your steward know if you want the details. This service will also be available in full to either be received by email or through the door.

For Christmas Eve I feel that it would be difficult to set something up on Zoom at this stage, but I will send a **written reflection for Christmas Eve** for you to engage with at a time that suits you. If you do want a service, a number of the other ministers already have Zoom services set up which they would love to welcome you to. I will let you have details. Finally, some may appreciate this **Christingle** video which was pre-prepared for Shefford and some of the schools <https://youtu.be/FJtKX8CshYQ>.

For the duration of the time that we are unable to gather in our churches for worship I will continue to lead a **weekly Sunday service on Zoom at 10.30am from 27th December 2020**. Please note this change in time. We will also continue to ensure **weekly printed services and newsletters** are distributed as we have done previously.

In all of this uncertainty and change, please be mindful of your mental wellbeing and I will try and do the same. If you want to speak to me, please do feel free to ring on 01462 813284.

May God be with you all at this difficult time.

Every blessing, Lorna