

Dear Friends,

Well, there is a definite chill in the air and it does feel like we're definitely headed into winter. It's a winter though which feels very different to the last one. With so many being vaccinated and other precautions in place many of us do feel safer and more able to get around. We know that many people though are still being cautious and during everything we've been through caution has often been the best path.

If you are worried about coming back to church, I'd like to reassure you we are still being cautious with plenty of space for those who want it. Lots of face coverings, sanitiser, and other precautions. If you haven't been back or haven't been able to come back often it would be lovely to see you again and I'd say that church does feel one of the safest places to be. We know too that this time has been difficult in other ways, and some will have lost a little mobility and may physically be struggling to get up to church. If you'd like a lift or other assistance in coming do let us know and we'll make every effort to help you out.

Our usual service times have moved around a little but these are our regular times. On Sundays; East Rainton 9:15, Lumley 9:30, Chilton Moor 10:30 and West Rainton 11:00. On Wednesdays; Lumley 10:30, and Chilton Moor 1pm. If you can't make it to your regular church, you'd be very welcome to join us at any of the others.

For now, we'll be carrying on with the phone services at 2pm on a Sunday afternoon though we are exploring the technology for people to be able to watch or phone in to listen to services held in church from home, which shouldn't be any more complex than ringing into the phone service has been. Though we won't have phone services on 31st October or 7th November we'll be back again on 14th November.

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Also, on 21st November at 6:30pm we have Bishop Sarah joining us for a service. It will be a group celebration of being able to be together and to sing, it is the Patronal festival for Christ Church, Lumley so we'll be gathering there. As part of the risk assessment to have hopefully a good number there and to be able to sing we are asking everyone who wasn't exempt from wearing a face covering to do so.

We're also now beginning to be able to visit people at home and if you would like a visit or just a chat on the phone or know someone else who would do ring John on 3882228, Tony on 5120587, or Christine on 07761327326. Finally, do keep an eye out for our Christmas services it would be wonderful to be able to celebrate together in ways we weren't able to last year.

Grace and Peace

Rev. John Estall, Rev. Tony Holden, Rev. Christine Britcliffe

Sunday Morning Prayer

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

31st October Until 21st November

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

28th November Until 19th December
When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.
cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

26th December-30th January
The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his
own.
Let us confess our sins.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,**

**forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

31st October

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

7th November

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

14th November

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory

we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

21st November

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

28th November

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

5th December

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness

we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

12th December

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

19th December

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

26th December

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image

and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

2nd January

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

9th January

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

16th January

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

23rd January

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

30th January

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings

31 st October	Hebrews 9v11-14
7 th November	Hebrews 9v24-end

14 th November	Hebrews 10v11-25
21 st November	Revelation 1v4b-8
28 th November	1 Thessalonians 3v9-end
5 th December	Philippians 1v3-11
12 th December	Philippians 4v4-7
19 th December	Hebrews 10v5-10
26 th December	Colossians 3v12-17
2 nd January	Ephesians 1v3-14
9 th January	Acts 8v14-17
16 th January	1 Corinthians 12v1-11
23 rd January	1 Corinthians 12v12-31a
30 th January	1 Corinthians 13v1-13

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

31st October Until 21st November

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead;
to him be glory and power for ever and ever.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

All Glory to you, O Lord.

31 st October	Mark 12v28-34
7 th November	Mark 1v14-20
14 th November	Mark 13v1-8
21 st November	John 18v33-37

29th November Until 20th December

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

cf Isaiah 40.3–5

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

28 th November	Luke 21v25-36
5 th December	Luke 3v1-6
12 th December	Luke 3v7-18
19 th December	Luke 1v39-45

26th December -30th January

Alleluia, alleluia.

We have seen his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

All Glory to you, O Lord.

26 th December	Luke 2v41-52
2 nd January	John 1v10-18
9 th January	Luke 3v15-17, 21-22
16 th January	John 2v1-11
23 rd January	Luke 4v14-21
30 th January	Luke 4v21-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

High and holy God,
robed in majesty,
Lord of heaven and earth,
we pray that you will bring justice, faith and salvation to all peoples.

[Especially we pray ...]

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

You chose us in Christ to be your people
and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit;
we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and hope.

[Especially we pray ...]

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!',
affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ
and pleads for us in our weakness;
we pray for all who are in need or distress.

[Especially we pray ...]

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

In the baptism and birth of Jesus,
you have opened heaven to us
and enabled us to share in your glory:
the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
from before the world was made.

[Especially we remember ...]

May your whole Church, living and departed,
come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

31st October Until 21st November

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

29th November Until 20th December

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

26th December up to 30th January

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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