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Dear Friends,

1) **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 10.30am: Service of Holy Communion** led by Rev Janice Macdonald.

2) **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am: Service of the Word** led by Julian Shelley.

3) **Midweek Private Prayer and Holy Communion:** See PN in January for dates

**4) CHRISTMAS SERVICES.**

At our "Carol Service" it was a wonderful experience to have Andrew Wyndham as our organist, and to be able to sing again in a choir consisting of Alan B, Mo Morris, Sally W, John H and Beth Mawdesley who also sang "Mary did you know?" most beautifully. Thank you, Beth, for joining us.



On Christmas morning, a spontaneous round of applause was heard at St Mary's for the floral arrangements provided by Mavis B. Kathy, Chris and Jane. Thank you and when restrictions are lifted, we look forward to seeing more. JW

**PAM MCKELLEN** wrote to us:

Wherever you are, whoever you're with

Thinking of you, and asking God to bless you in special, unexpected and joyful ways.

We may not hear this Christmas blessing in church this year, but this is my prayer:

*May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,*

*the obedience of Joseph and Mary  
and the peace of the Christ Child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always...*

## **MORE MESSAGES**

**David Winter:** He is fine, is in a “bubble” with his daughter in Wash Common, has very poor eyesight, but good hearing and physical and mental health. He sends his best wishes to his friends at St Mary's and hopes he can be with us sometime in the not too distant future.

**Eileen Littlewood:** sends Best Wishes to all her friends at St Mary's. She endures “staying at home” with much patience.

**Anna Newton:** If there are things to celebrate it is the Quiet.

I have been conscious of the pleasure of being able to hear bird song with very little traffic noise, and information in public places uninterrupted by chatter. There seem to be far fewer people who are having to shout to be heard etc. Enjoy. Anna

5) I have included this verses, taken from a longer a poem, in New Year emails before, but the words seem particularly appropriate this year as we seek reassurance of God's presence:

**“God knows”** by Minnie Louise Haskins.

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread into the unknown”,

and he replied,

Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.

So I went forth and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And he led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still; what need our little life our human life to know

If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife

Of things both high and low, God hideth his intention.

God knows. His will

Is best. The stretch of years

Which wind ahead, so dim to our imperfect vision,

Are clear to God. Our fears

Are premature; in Him All time hath full provision.

Best Wishes to you all. Mavis

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