

Dear friends,

What a year it has been! The pandemic that is still very much with us, has seen twists and turns and this has been reflected in our church life as we have attempted to continue with some semblance of normality (whatever that is!) for our church community. There are so many folk to thank as this year draws to a close so I'm not going to even attempt to mention individuals - I'm not sure they would want me to do that anyway. Actually, thank you to *everyone* in our church community over this last year. I think that each of us have been a blessing to one another as we have tried to show love, care and concern in lots of different ways, and also to look out into our wider community to share something of God's abiding presence with others.

None of us quite knows what the start of 2022 will bring but if we continue in this same vein then we will get through it together. God is with us and this should inspire us and motivate us in our individual walks of faith and also collectively as God's people.

A brief reminder about church services that are coming up:
Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 7pm - in church and on zoom.

Christmas Day - with our friends at the URC at 10.30am in their church and on zoom.

Boxing Day - No service in our church. We are invited to join our friends at the URC 10.30am.

January 2nd - celebrating Epiphany and Holy Communion at 10.30am in church and on zoom (subject to change depending on Covid restrictions - I'll be in touch if this is the case).

Lastly, can I take this opportunity on behalf of myself, John, Ben and Sam to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Stay safe and well everyone,

Claire

