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Friends,

This week we are keeping the first Sunday of Advent. Once again (and for the last time, we hope), we meet solely via the podcast, but as usual we rejoice in the fact that familiar voices are reading the lessons and leading our prayers. Our preacher is the Reverend Lesley Perry

This week's podcast can be heard [here](#) and the order of service, with words to the hymns and prayers can be downloaded [here](#), with a large print version, [here](#).

Join us for the Final Sunday Morning Lockdown Zoom Coffee 11.30am All are welcome to join in with this chance to see each other's faces, and chat over a cup of coffee (bring your own). The Zoom link is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81071863497?pwd=NERaTWRtMTNDZE9uWXIzNy9MK0VNQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 7186 3497

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Or by telephone, dial 0203 481 5240

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We look forward to seeing/hearing you.

On weekdays, St Mary's continues to be open for individual prayer. Do come in and light a candle, sit quietly, or say a prayer.

December – January Clarion is now available [here](#), and on paper, from the church porch. It contains all the information about the Christmas services in church and online.

NEXT week, 6 December we are able to come back to church again. The service (both in church and in the podcast) will be an All age Advent Service, with roles shared with the children of our congregation.

Christmas Services and Covid Details of the Christmas services are in the Clarion Do be aware that this year in order to keep proper distancing, the services for Christmas will be ticketed. You can book your places (for free) either by contacting the office or online via [Eventbrite](#) or by calling / emailing the office. Do book in early to avoid disappointment.

Main services will also be podcast as usual, and will offer a chance to sing the Christmas carols as loudly as you like. Why not open your windows wide and let your neighbours hear you!

Danae Eleni will be presenting an online concert of Songs, Arias & Carols later in December. More information and tickets available from December 1st at www.danaeeleni.com/calendar

Danae hopes you can all join, and sends love to everyone!

The Advent Study Group will meet on the 4 Monday evenings at 7pm in Advent, via Zoom. We will be using material from a course called *Living in Hope* from the York Course series.

Monday 30 November Living well

Monday 7 December Dying well

Monday 14 December Hell Bent on Destruction

Monday 21 December Going to Heaven when we die?

If you'd like to join, let the Vicar know and she'll give you the Zoom link.

LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS!

St Nicholas' Day Raffle for the Charitable Pot Sunday 6 December

With no Summer Fair, we've not been able to raise as much as we'd like for the Charitable Pot this year, so we thought a festive Raffle would help supplement the funds already raised. Excellent prizes this year include a Magnum of Champagne kindly donated by the Bolton's Association, Champagne and wine donated by Lea and Sandeman, a homemade Christmas cake, a roast ham from the Parsons Nose, a hamper of delicious food goodies to see you through Boxing Day and off course a cuddly toy! Tickets are on sale for £2 each and can be bought in church when the office is open. Further information is in this month's Clarion.

Cash or cheques accepted or you can use the contactless device in the office.

Food Banks

The financial situation is dire for families and those whose jobs have been lost. We are glad to receive donations of food etc for Dad's House Food Bank which has opened at 22 Lillie Road in Fulham. They are open Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm and anyone is able to access their help without a voucher.

Finance and giving

Thank you to all those who have continued to support St Mary's through regular giving and one off donations. Our income suffered during the lockdown with the loss of Sunday collections as well as income from the Hall. We can now receive your offering in church using cash or the contactless devices. We encourage regular members of the congregation to consider giving by bank transfer, whether each week or by standing order? It is easy; we can still benefit from your GiftAid, and it will help us to maintain our ministry in this difficult period. We now accept donations on line, via the website, and the link is [here](#).

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Blessings,



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