



Hello everyone,

Last week I preached at Holy Trinity and I said,

“When Hope combines with Good News, it becomes Faith, and Peace can be the result.”

This week we are expecting the first doses of a vaccine to be administered in our country. We have been waiting in hope for the good news of this vaccine, and now we can have faith that the wait will soon be over; perhaps this gives us some peace about the future.

But how much more hope can we have because of the Good News of Jesus, and how much more can our faith in Jesus give us a peace which passes all understanding?

In this time of Advent, preparing to remember the birth of Christ, and looking forward expectantly to his return, let's remember the hope that the Good News brings us, and let's put our faith in Christ, receiving that peace for ourselves.

There are several 'notices' or bits of news this week to keep you updated.

Services this week, 13th December

A Eucharist at 9.30am at All Saints, and A Service of Morning Prayer at 11.00am at St Nicholas'

This is also our **Team Gift Day**. If you would like to give a financial gift to one of the churches, you can bring it to the services on Sunday, or send it to the office with the name of the church clearly stated. Thank you in advance for your generosity, it all helps.

Booking for Christmas services

A reminder that Carol Services, Midnight Mass, and Christmas Day services need to be booked through the office please.

The following services do not need to be booked:

Academia will sing **Evensong** on 16th December at Holy Trinity at 5.30pm

There will be an outdoor **Nativity Trail** for families (and anyone else!) on 23rd December starting at 3.30pm.

And of course our usual Sunday morning services, which on **20th December** will be at 9.30am at St Michael's, and 11.00am at Holy Trinity.

Finally, those of you who listen to **Radio 4** on a Sunday morning may have heard our curate, Jo this Sunday, just before 7.30am. She was interviewed about Minecraft Church, and did a great job!

We know that for many of you the uncertainty and anxiety about lockdown restrictions and health continues. We want to continue to remind you that we are here for you. If you need a chat, prayer, or some practical help then do reach out – either by phoning 01432 273086 or by contacting your Pastoral Coordinator.

We hope these resources help you feel connected as we worship as a scattered Church. Please be assured that you are not forgotten and that you are remembered in our prayers.

God Bless,

Ruth and Jo