

24/12/20

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Since we sent you the most recent schedule of Christmas services we have received further guidance from our Archdeacons advising us to reflect local circumstances in discerning whether or not to continue to worship in church at this time.

We have considered their advice and taken into account the following:

- The R number is now at between 1.1 and 1.4 in S.E England.
- The new strain of the virus is said to be more contagious and a third strain has now been identified and this, it is suggested, is even more easily transmitted.
- More areas are being placed into tier 4 which would indicate that the situation is worsening not improving.
- We need to protect the most vulnerable members of our congregation and parish.

It is with a heavy heart that we have come to the decision that we should move the Christmas Day service online. We realise how difficult it will be for us all not to gather for communion on Christmas Day and hope that as many as possible will be able to join us for worship online.

Please do call me if I can help in any way.

Stay safe and well and God bless,

Revd Frances

John Kerr

Geoff Richards