

# Hope Dawns

An online service of carols & global stories for Advent & Christmas

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## 'Hope is alive'

a sermon series for Advent

Sunday mornings and evenings from St Mark's, Armagh

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St Mark's Church, Armagh

## Pew News

Sunday, November 29th 2020 :

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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### PRAYER POINTS :

- for our Executive amidst deliberations regarding restrictions and the need to reduce infection rates and assist our local economy. May unity of purpose characterise discussions that take place
- for our Government and EU officials amidst continuing Brexit negotiations. May agreements be achieved that ease fears and benefit us all
- for local businesses and the struggles faced because of closures. May those whose livelihoods are in peril have the support that they need to assist them at this critical time
- for the Church of Ireland and all of its parishes, especially as we approach this year's General Synod taking place online on Tuesday and Wednesday. May the Holy Spirit guide and resource us for mission and for ministry.
- for churches adapting to our current reality and that the message of Advent might be heard and responded to
- for us all as we plan for Christmas, that we might adhere to guidelines and be mindful of those who are lonely, or anxious about the weeks ahead

### SUNDAY & MIDWEEK SERVICES

SUNDAY 29th November & 6th December (from 10.30am) : **Morning Worship**  
online via the Sunday Morning Page of our Website or YouTube Channel

SUNDAY 29th November & 6th December (from 7pm) : **Evening Worship**  
online via the Sunday Morning Page of our Website or YouTube Channel

FRIDAYS (from 9pm) : **Late Evening Office** continuing with our series on 'Stories that Jesus told'.

According to current advice, services shall resume in church on Sunday 13th December.

*Worship*  
WITH US ONLINE

### 8.30am Services

Upon reopening of church buildings for public worship, 8.30am Services shall take place in the Crozier Hall. Initially this shall not be a Holy Communion Service, but may in time. Early Sunday services shall take place in the Hall instead of the church, due to current cleaning requirements. As with all services, face coverings should be worn. Should there be any queries, please feel free to contact the Rector (37522970).



### Holy Communion

Monthly Holy Communion Services take place on the 3rd Wednesday at 7.30pm.

### Hospice Envelopes

This is an annual opportunity for parishioners across the Diocese to support their local hospice, ours being the Southern Area Hospice at Newry. Envelopes were available on Sunday 22nd November and shall be when public worship resumes in church. Envelopes may be returned when onsite services resume or delivered to the "Drive through Drop off" on 12th December.

### Drive through Drop Off

This month's Drive through Drop Off will take place on Saturday, 12th December (10am - 12noon) at the Crozier Hall. This is an opportunity to donate food to the Food Bank, gifts for the Toy Collection and deliver church envelopes, Bishops' Appeal envelopes or Hospice Appeal Envelopes. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.



### Toy Collection

On Sunday, December 13th we shall collect gifts to contribute to Belfast Central Mission's Christmas Toy Appeal. Items which are encouraged include : educational toys (1-3 years), clothes (1-5 years), toiletries, books (smaller are better), selection boxes, stationery, dolls, football accessories (not linked to any team) and pyjamas (up to 16 years). If you are

unable to attend church on December 13th, please feel free to deliver to the 'Drive through Drop Off' on Saturday, 12th December.

### yF3 (youth fellowship)

Sunday 6th December (5pm) on Zoom. School Year 9s and above are invited to join us for Youth Fellowship. For login details, parents / guardians are asked to contact Malcolm. Everyone welcome.

**CD Recordings** of Sunday Services are currently being posted to a number of parishioners. Should you know of any parishioners who do not have internet access and would appreciate a CD being delivered to their home, please contact Caroline (37523197). Also, if you no longer require CD deliveries, please also let us know.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is available each week online on the 'Sunday Morning' page of our Website. Using the 'All Aboard' material in a bitesized format, each week there will be videos and an activity sheet for children and families. We hope that children from our Parish enjoy being part of Sunday School online until the opportunity arises for us to be together again in the Crozier Hall.



### PRACTICAL HELP

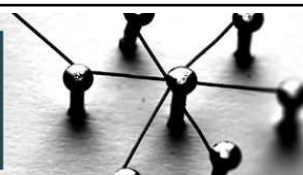
We have a list of willing volunteers who will gladly offer assistance to anyone who is self isolating. If you know of anyone who would value help with shopping and collecting prescriptions please feel free to call 37522970. Chats are also very welcome!

### HELP NEEDED

- Audio / Visual : to operate the sound desk in church, video record services and livestream from St Mark's at 10.30am. If you might be interested, please do contact Malcolm for more details.

## ZOOM COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

FREE



Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council is offering an opportunity for local residents to learn how to use Zoom.

The course will begin week commencing 30th November 2020 and will be delivered over a number of sessions. It is free to local people residing in the Borough.

Telephone or Facebook support will be given to enable individuals to set up the system and once online, will be given support to make the most of this facility. Participants will require a smart phone, tablet or laptop.

If you wish to register for this training please contact Glen Dickson on 028 38312420.

Please note places may be limited therefore spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



### Zoom for Beginners.

If you would like to learn more about ZOOM—from the basics to helpful hints and tips, sign up for a 'Zoom for Beginners' course starting on Monday 30th November.

This helpful online tool can keep you connected with your nearest and dearest especially in the current climate.

To register or to find out more call 02838 312420