

United Benefice of St Michael's Betchworth & St Mary's Buckland

Dear Friends

As you are aware the pandemic has required us to re-think how we can deliver services this season in a safe environment. Subject to no further restrictions being announced, the wardens and clergy have put their heads together and wanted to celebrate that we are able to hold services albeit a little different this year.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>** - All Souls 4pm St Mary's Buckland – this candlelit service is a chance to remember loved ones that we no longer see. This is a ticketed service to preserve social distancing measures. If you would like to attend or if you would like someone's name read out during the service, please contact Liz Vahey via email [lizvahey@btinternet.com](mailto:lizvahey@btinternet.com) indicating how many people are attending within the same bubble so that we can try to accommodate as many as possible

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** - A service of Remembrance will be held Inside both churches and will start at 10.50am. please contact Liz Vahey via email [lizvahey@btinternet.com](mailto:lizvahey@btinternet.com) if you would like to come as this is a ticketed service

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Carol Service 5pm St Michael's Betchworth – Despite the regulations not permitting the congregation to sing we have a talented choir who are able to bring Christmas in through various Carols and readings. This is also ticketed on a first come first served basis, please contact Liz Vahey [lizvahey@btinternet.com](mailto:lizvahey@btinternet.com) indicating how many people in the same bubble you would like to book for so that we can try to accommodate as many as possible keeping within the Government and Church of England Guidelines.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** Crib Service 4pm at St Mary's and 5:30pm at St Michaels. This service creatively brings the story of the nativity to life and celebrates - the greatest gift ever given. Please contact Liz Vahey [lizvahey@btinternet.com](mailto:lizvahey@btinternet.com) indicating the number of people and which venue.

**Midnight Mass 11:30pm** St Mary's Buckland. Seeing Christmas day in and celebrating the first mass of Christ. If you would like to attend Please contact Liz Vahey [lizvahey@btinternet.com](mailto:lizvahey@btinternet.com) indicating the number of people in your bubble so that we can fit as many in and see in Christmas day together!

December 25<sup>th</sup> 11am St Michaels Betchworth - Family communion to celebrate the birth of Christ God among us and to see what presents the children have received for Christmas. Please contact Liz Vahey [lizvahey@btinternet.com](mailto:lizvahey@btinternet.com) indicating the number of people in your bubble .

Please note that masks must be worn at all services, hand sanitizer will be available as you enter. We warmly welcome you all to our services at St Michael's and St Mary's