

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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Urgent News about Christmas Services at ASW

I am sure that by now you are all aware of the **Provincial “Lock-down”** that starts on December 26th. This means that ***we will not be having In-person Worship Services after December 26th*** for an indefinite period of time (probably 4 weeks).

We have had discussions about how this affects our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We have decided to proceed with these services but with very limited attendance in-person. For that reason all registrations for Christmas services closed last night at 8:00 p.m. I know that I have spoken with a few disappointed people today, but we have been asked to be very clear on how we are dealing with these closures and the changes that are coming.

I am aware that a number of local churches have cancelled all in-person worship altogether for Christmas but we are still proceeding on a very limited basis. So, ***those who registered before last evening are on the list for the services***, but we will not be able to go beyond those lists and walk-ins will not be allowed. While we are still under the Diocesan “Amber” protocols at this time, we have been asked to ensure that everything is very strictly adhered to.

That being said, the three Christmas services will be available over Zoom, and they will be recorded for those who wish to watch them later. The **bulletins for the three Christmas services** are attached to this email in the usual PDF files.

The following are the links to each of the three Zoom services. Please select the appropriate one at the appropriate time indicated:

Christmas Eve Service at 4:00

p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82074021670?pwd=bnMyUnh1aGcyaTVxbnIRaE9ycE40QT09> (Meeting ID: 820 7402 1670 & Passcode: 178565)

Christmas Eve Service at 10:00

p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86174561015?pwd=bIBoMHhmVFUrZ0hFTEpiTmcwb0N1UT09> (Meeting ID: 861 7456 1015 & Passcode: 298438)

Christmas Day Service at 10:00

a.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85634426862?pwd=citKWU9FRzNvYjRRSm1qT0hDVXc5Zz09> (Meeting ID: 856 3442 6862 & Passcode: 374598)

For those that wish, on **Christmas Day we will provide Drive-in Communion** in the Courtyard in front of the Church from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Please pull up at the front with your mask on, and leave the mask in place until you have received the host. Hand sanitization practices continue to be a part of this.

Tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. we will hold our last **mid-week (Wednesday) Eucharist** until the “Lock-down” is lifted.

I hope that all of this makes sense to you. I am sorry that things have become so complicated but we are trying to live in to this new “normal” once again.

Today's prayer as we move through these uncertain times:

“God of hope, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”

If I do not see you, have a Merry Christmas and may the peace and joy of this season not be diminished by the strain of worrying -- please be safe!

Chris