



Christchurch and Wimborne

Methodist Circuit

Although in churches this is normally a busy and bustling time, it will be very different this year. No jubilant carol singing, we can't give out mince pies or chocolates, Christmas Day hugs are definitely out and even Midnight Communion has, quite correctly, to be Covid safe.

A different Christmas after what has mostly been a different year when we have 'missed' the gathered Easter and Pentecost celebrations.

But, maybe we should look more on what has happened rather than what has not and will not happen.

While our buildings have been closed you, the members of our churches, have kept up with communicating and caring for each other with phone calls, cards/letters, door step conversations and, of course, Zoom gatherings. While finances have been stretched, bills have still been paid. The buildings were checked when closed and carefully prepared for when they could open. People have discovered new ways to worship and many of those worship materials have reached some who would otherwise not be able to, or want to, worship in the 'normal' way.

None of that happens without the dedication and commitment of the members and adherents of the individual churches and we both applaud and thank you for all you have done during these past 9 months.

We wait patiently for a more relaxed time, when we are able to meet again in groups, not keeping 2m apart or speaking in muffled tones through a mask. Wait patiently like Simeon and Anna, knowing that God would not let them down.

Thank you for all you have done during these months to support and encourage each other and may God continue to bless you in 2021.

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