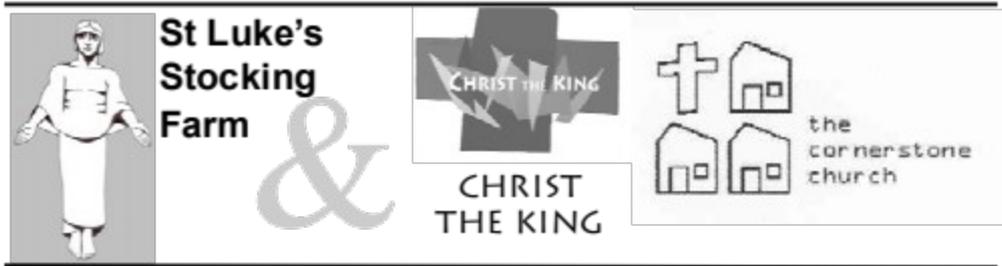


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Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter 2021

Dear Members of St Luke's and Christ the King

A year ago we were unable to hold our services for Holy Week and Easter because of the effects of Covid-19 and the newly imposed lockdown. Many of us have not attended church since though a few have when we were allowed and able to be open.

This year we are beginning to see the lockdown released and many of us have had at least one shot of the vaccine. However, there is still a need to have the precautions in place. So to ensure that 2 metre social distancing can be observed, the PCC has decided to hold services **at both St Luke's and Christ the King** on Palm Sunday and Easter Day rather than our usual joint services. We are grateful to Fr Keith and Bp Christopher for agreeing to take these for us. We hope you will feel able to join us at these services.

Having not been to church in the last year you may be finding this a big step to take. Some of you may still be nervous about coming to church and mixing in a larger group and for those who have been shut in at home for this past year this will be a particularly hard step. To help you with this we have all the required precautions in place (tried and tested when we have been able to open). They are listed on the back of this letter.

We hope you will feel able to join us for one or both of these Sundays but we do understand if you feel unable to do so. If you would like to talk to someone about coming do contact one of us. Contact details are in the notice sheet.

Yours sincerely,

Churchwardens and PCC Members.

To ensure everyone's safety these are the precautions you need to follow:-

- You must wear a mask during the service.
- At Christ the King we will check the temperature of everyone as they arrive.
- Collection should be placed in the plate as you enter the church.
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands on arrival (after leaving any collection)
- You must go to a seat and remain there.
- Talking to others inside the building should be avoided (but do wave a greeting)
- Sitting places are marked at St Luke's and chairs spaced out at Christ the King.
- We will not be able to have congregational singing but there will be hymns played on CDs before, during and after the service.
- You will receive a communion wafer dropped into your hand.
- Please would you leave the building as soon as the service ends keeping a safe distance from others.
- You can talk to others outside but please keep away from the door so others can leave safely.