



ONWARD

Newsletter of Hallfold United Reformed Church



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Hello everyone,

As you are probably aware lockdown ends on 2nd December and then Rossendale will be once more in Tier 3. We are pleased to say that, under Tier 3, places of worship will be allowed to open their doors. The services at Hallfold will therefore re-commence on Sunday 6th December. As before, all Covid precautionary measures will be in place ie one way system, social distancing, sanitising and wearing of masks.

The first service, which will be on the second Sunday of Advent, will be the "Covid" version of the Ladies Candelight Service - so sadly there will be no candles, no gusty singing of carols and probably no mince pies at the end. However perhaps it will help you a little to get into the Christmas mood. It will also be broadcast on Hallfold's Facebook page. The service has been recorded beforehand (keeping social distancing) and will be projected onto the screen in church.

The service on the 13th December will be Lessons and Carols –again the "Covid" version, which means there will be no singing. The words, however, will be on the screen and it could be an opportunity to read and really focus on the beautiful words of some of our carols. At the moment there is a little bit of doubt as to who will be leading worship on 20th December. Christine would like Junior Church to take the service but, because of lockdown, has not had chance to meet with the children to practise. Hopefully, Junior Church will be able to sort something out but Karen is kindly preparing a service just in case.

Christmas Day we are holding a service at 10.45 am.

On the 27th we will be using the service from the Missional Partnership.

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What shall we do then this strange Advent? We will remember past Christmases with fondness, but have courage for the present time and a strong hope for the future.

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From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another,
The warmth and joy of Christmas brings us closer to each other.

The Elders