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Dear Friends

I hope this latest letter finds you well as together, we hope and prayer that news of vaccines will allow something more of normality to emerge in the New Year.

As we have already informed you Christmas celebrations will be very different this year as we strive to play our role in keeping each other safe. To that end our evening carol service will be via zoom on the 20th of December at 5pm. It will mean we can all sing, see and/or hear each other and faithfully record this vibrant story that is at the heart of our faith. Hopefully at the end of the service we can divide up into breakout groups and share fellowship. The key thing is that if you would like to be part of this I need to know so I can send the a link or phone number along with instructions about how to access the service. I will be ready to "let" people in from 4.45.

Our Christmas morning service will happen at church at 10 am. For this you will need to apply for a place as we have been doing for Sunday services. Ideally this should be by the 21st with the hope that we can accommodate all who want to come.

Can I thank you for your generosity in responding to the invitation to support our annual efforts to provide toys for local families in need. Vouchers to the tune of £900 have gone to the local Children and Families Office to distribute some cheer amongst local families living in challenging circumstances. We have also have supplies of goods to send to the Whitechapel mission when conditions are more favourable.

You will notice on the other side of this letter information about a new security system at church which I hope is self –explanatory.

After Christmas services will continue on Sundays at 10.30 and via the stream on the website. Our hope is that at some point in 2021 life will become more normal and the restrictions will be eased. This means that our Annual Covenant service will be delayed until we are able to share it more freely

At finally the thought that the Christmas story is one of liberation, a people set free from the past and able, through the good news of Easter to emerge into a new reality. Our great message seems more relevant this year as we share in celebrating good news

Can I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas

Richard

Security System Upgrade Installation - December 2020

An upgrade of the AMC security system is scheduled to take place 22/23 December.

- The keypad for the internal security door between the reception area and the community centre will be moved upstairs to the first floor, and the keypad wiped and reprogrammed with a new set of code numbers for limited user groups.
- The internal security door downstairs will then be fitted with a system which uses the security key fobs currently already used for the external main reception area doors.
- Existing key fobs will work for all doors, where required, but we need to issue fobs to those who currently have only had the *keypad* access to the internal door.

Over the years, key fobs and codes have been issued which are no longer needed as circumstances may have changed.

To ensure that our records are correct, and that *only those who need access* to the premises have the necessary equipment and information, please see the following:

ALL KEY FOB HOLDERS

Please email or telephone Jennie Torpey (<u>jennietorpey@gmail.com</u> or 01296 581414), with the following information *as soon as possible*:

- Name, telephone number and email address, where appropriate.
- Reason for needing a key fob.
- Number of key fob (if it still appears on the fob).

If you no longer need a key fob, please let Jennie know, and return it to the office as soon as possible.

THOSE WHO ONLY HAVE A SECURITY CODE FOR THE INTERNAL DOOR

If you will still need access to the premises, please email or telephone Jennie *as soon as possible* with the following information:

- Name, telephone number and email address, where appropriate.
- Reason for needing a key fob.

We shall then arrange for a fob to be programmed with your name and issued to you.

Please note that your key fob will **not** be programmed to enter by the **external** door unless you need this.

Those who have key fobs which are programmed to open the external door will need some training in use of the alarm system.