

# Caerphilly & Aber Valley Ministry Area



St Illan St Martin St Andrew St Catherine

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Dear Friends,

As this year draws to a close we continue to pray that you are keeping safe and well. As we enter Advent and the start of a new liturgical year, we invite you to use this season to reflect and prepare once more for the coming of Christ.

With this letter you will receive:

- prayer leaflets for the season of Advent and Christmastide,
- a Christmas card from our Ministry Area,
- additional liturgical resources to celebrate Advent and Christmastide from your home

We also have a new magazine for December and January with more news, resources and stories from our parishioners. If you have not received this magazine, but would like to, please do be in touch. Alternatively, it is available on our website – see the “Home Resources” page under the “Faith” menu.

As you will know, we have been moving slowly and carefully with Covid restrictions, but are now starting to reintroduce some of our usual activities with a small number of concerts, coffee mornings and other events already underway. As part of this we hope to introduce some limited indoor singing before Christmas (dependant as always on the local infection rate).

This year we will be resuming our tree festival at St. Martin’s, albeit on a smaller scale to previous years. This will enable us to continue in our outreach and communications to our parishioners and our wider community. We are also collaborating with Citizen Church to extend their Love Christmas project into Caerphilly and the Aber Valley, providing small Christmas gifts to those in need this Christmas.

We know that this time of year is often difficult for many and we still face uncertain times ahead, but we pray that as you journey through these seasons, you will know that Christ our Lord journeys with you.

May God’s comfort and blessing go with you, your families and all whom you love this Christmastide.

*Ministry Area Leadership Team*