

# St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton

## Weekly Newsletter

### 9 January 2021

Sitting here writing this on Friday morning five simple words come to mind: **"This isn't what we'd planned."**

2020 was bad and 2021 was going to be better. Right now we find ourselves in a situation which in many ways feels worse. Yet whatever happens there is always hope! It seemed over Christmas that even our small attempts at hope using our Christmas Tree were under attack! First of all the gazebo (even though it was well staked down) took off and fortunately flew towards the church rather than the road. Then storm Bertha hit on boxing and though the tree fought bravely it wasn't quite strong enough for 70mph winds.

Even with all that battering there were still loads of messages of hope some of which I will share with you now:

**'Happy Different Christmas, we can get through this. Keep safe'**

**'We will all get through these times – apart – but together in spirit.'**

**'God Bless all my family and friends in these difficult times.'**

**'Shepperton people are the best. We can overcome.'**

**'Wishing health and happiness to our community and peace in 2021.'**

**'All shall be well, and all manner of things shall we well.'**  
(Julian of Norwich – 14<sup>th</sup> century Christian isolated in her cell due to the plague and disease) (Hope in troubled times)

**'There is always hope! Never ever give up! God loves you!'**

**'God bless everyone in Shepperton and beyond. Be kind to all, love, peace and hope forever.'**

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**'Wishing a peaceful 2021 for all, in whatever form that may be.'**

**'You are special and a total treasure.'**

**'Please help us all and my family.'**

**'Keep your eyes above the storm. Trust in God for He is faithful and has got this. We will come through this.'**

There is always hope, keep praying, keep loving, keep taking deep breaths, keep being kind and things will change. Join us from 9:45am this Sunday Morning.

God Bless

**Tim**

PS: Due to the lockdown, unfortunately we won't be opening again this coming Wednesday as planned.



#### Dates for Your Diary

**Weekly Sunday Service** 10am (Facebook and YouTube)

**Just for Grown Ups Quiz**

8pm, Saturday 23 January 2021 (Zoom)

#### Giving

As a church we continue to need your financial support. Please do consider what you might be able to contribute.

**If you have any Good News stories that you would like to share in our newsletter, then please contact Irene by email.**