



**Comfort**  
and Joy

## A very happy Christmas to you.

This comes to say that we are praying for you at the end of what has been the most difficult year. We hope that, even as we experience restriction and separation, you will find comfort and joy this Christmas.

Comfort at a time of loss. This year has not at all been what we were expecting, and as well as the disruption there may have been precious meetings or celebrations or even people that have been taken from us. We are praying for comfort, the comfort that God promises, and many have found, when we rest on his goodness.

Joy in a time of uncertainty. The Bible tells us that God has his hand on human history. He has shown this by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a coming we celebrate at Christmas. He came, we read, on a rescue mission, and he will bring that to a joyful conclusion one day. As we turn back to him and trust him, he deals with the wrongdoing and hurts of the past and opens up a wonderful future as part of his family.

Christmas is a vivid, vibrant demonstration of the practical concern God has for us. We pray that you will know comfort and joy this Christmas time and in the year ahead.

## How to celebrate Christmas with us this year

### O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree

4.30pm      Fri 18th - Wed 23rd Dec (excl. Sun 20th)  
Outside St Michael's, Pensby

Listen out for Christmas carols played for Pensby to enjoy, for half an hour each day, from around our Christmas tree.

### Carol service

6.30pm      December 20th  
Online, through our website

Carols, readings and the Christmas message. Warm the mince pies, pour some mulled wine and sing along with us.

### Christingle service

5 pm      Christmas Eve  
In person at St Michael's, or online  
through our website.

A traditional celebration of Christmas, for children and families. Join us in person or online through our website. Ring the office if you would like us to deliver a build-your-own Christingle pack to your house!

### Christmas Day

8.30 am      Service of Holy Communion  
In person only, at Christ Church

10.00am      Family Celebration  
In person at St Michael's or online through  
our website.

## In the New Year

Subject to government restrictions, we will to be meeting at these times in the New Year.

### Christ Church Barnston

Sundays

8.30am                      Holy Communion

10.30am                    Morning service

### St Michael's Pensby

Sundays

9.30am                    Morning service  
with children's activities

Wednesdays

10.30am                    Holy Communion

You would be very welcome to come along. You can check our plans on the website. Just contact the church office to let us know you are coming and we will make things ready for you.

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