#### **Current arrangements at SJB**

We have moved into the new Tier 4 but this **still allows us to meet** for communal worship. Therefore here at SJB we will continue to meet at 10:30am each Sunday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has however advised worshippers in vulnerable groups who are "more at risk" from Covid-19 to stay away from church services and watch them online. An online service from the benefice will be available next week and the link to it can be found in next week's newssheet.

For those of us meeting in church it is **more important than ever** that we adhere to the regulations in order to keep everyone safe. Please note that we can longer meet to socialise outside the church after the service. Please make sure you disperse straight away. We must also remember that only two people are allowed in the porch at any time so do not stop there to chat. Sadly we still cannot sing in church but you are welcome to bring your own Bible if you wish.

The church has been properly prepared and places are socially distanced. Hand sanitiser and anti- bacterial spray are readily available. Face coverings must be worn in church except by those under 11 years old.

At our Christmas Eve midnight service we were reminded that Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem in accordance with a decree that had been issued by the authorities. It must have been inconvenient for them when Mary was expecting a baby but they fulfilled their duty.

### **Spiritual Nourishment**

One of the things that I really miss about being in church during this pandemic is not being able to worship God in singing hymns and songs. During this time I have been blessed by listening to Lynda Randle an American Gospel Singer.

I recommend listening to the following gospel songs. 'One Day at a Time' 'God on the Mountain' and 'I'm Free'.

The link is:-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cjTAkEMNmA&list=PL2KcuhhlrUcV2netHS6 |UHWoXz2RMpuil&index=15

Thank God that we have HOPE for the future because of Christmas.

David Robinson

Thankyou David – does anyone else want to share something that has been a blessing to them?

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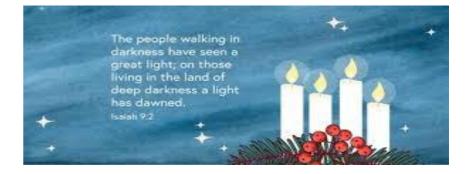
# St. John the Baptist STONE Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December CHRISTMAS 1

10:30am MORNING WORSHIP

led by David Pickup

Readings: Psalm 105:1-11

Isaiah 9:2,3b,4a,6,7 Ephesians 3:5-12



**NEXT WEEK:** 10:30am MORNING WORSHIP