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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



In a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life that is stealing the joy out of our Christmas. Crazy weather and disasters strike. Tragedy arrives and innocent victims suffer.

This year, 2020, we have Coronavirus ravaging our lives. Let us give a thought to the hearts that are battered by sorrow, tired and tested beyond their ability to endure this year. Release the joy in us that's been crushed by world events. We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it, not just at Christmas, but every day of the year. Amen.

When you get this December
Newsletter, we shall be coming out of lockdown to be told Wolverhampton is in Tier 3, Very High-risk area. We can, however, mix 3 households to make bubbles of families /friends over a period of 5 days to celebrate
Christmas. 23rd to 27th December.
More announcements are expected around 11 December, so as usual it's 'watch look and listen.'
This year it is going to be very different for all of us. We are all going to feel more alone than ever.

The good news is we have an effective vaccine on the horizon. So, if / when you are offered this, the recommendation is to have it.

Also, remember, a phone call can make a difference especially to people living on their own. Or indeed, friends that may be living in a care home.

Obituary

Sadly, Ken Mannion passed away Friday 20 November 2020. Re-united with his wife Mary.

Our Coffee Mornings

I have been in touch with Mr Bott, at Linden House on the off chance I could secure our coffee morning for 2021. Sadly, at this time he is not able to make any firm bookings and cannot see any major change until at least March 2021. However, he has assured me that arrangement for regular and existing customers will be a priority once they are allowed to re-open. I will of course keep sending monthly Newsletters and keep you all advised of the situation with our meetings.

Christmas Shopping Online

Please be extra vigilant when Christmas shopping, especially on- line, which for many seems the way to go. There are new / unknown companies with great offers, always eager to take your cash, but never send the goods. Do a bit of investigating first, go on their website check out comments. If in doubt, then don't make a purchase. Also, if you shop with Amazon, there is an email being circulated that says your account is frozen as you need to update your payment details; DON'T, your account will be fine, this is a scam.

Best Wishes for Christmas to you all, and H Happier Healthier New Year.

> Jan Simpson Chairperson / Editor

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