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**Services are currently suspended but normal times are**

SUNDAY            09:00 HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP) First Sunday of the month  
                         10:30 SUNG EUCHARIST

WEEKDAY            Tuesday at 19:30    Thursday at 10:30    Saturday 10:30

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# The Chaplain writes

Advent this year has a depth to it which for many of us is like nothing we have experienced in our lives.

The gathering darkness of winter and the tightening of the grip of Covid19 have left many people, used to easy secular lives and care-free consumerism without the mental strengths to cope. It is, for many a time of great darkness.

Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness and in the shadow of death have a choice. They can give in to the darkness, letting it overwhelm them and allowing it to cloud their moral judgment and civic responsibility, or they can wait patiently, confident that a new dawn will break upon us.

We know that God is faithful and is to be found in the darkness as he prepares us for the glorious splendours of his love. Already the signs are there, hope is soon to be rewarded with faith.



*Photo: Webmaster, St Boniface*

We cannot gather at St Boniface this Christmas but we can be together in heart and mind.

Join us if you can online for our Sung Eucharists and our service of carols. All of these will be on our YouTube channel, which you can access via our website, [www.boniface.be](http://www.boniface.be)

Or, you can be with us in prayer, knowing that you are not alone, and that we are very close, praying for you at this special time.

God bless you with happiness and hope this Christmas!

# Christmas Worship in time of Covid-19

As we near the Christmas season, many of you will be asking yourselves what St Boniface will be offering during the coming days. Recently, the Belgian government announced the possibility of a very slight relaxation to the Covid protocols applying to places of worship.

Bp Robert has, however, after careful consideration, decided not to allow for any relaxations at this time for the Anglican Churches in Belgium. He hopes that keeping this strict regime will contribute to the fight against the pandemic, at a time when the number of infections are once again on the rise.

*The current rules, therefore, stay in place for our congregation and there will be no public worship in St Boniface until further notice.*

But, we are able to offer you the opportunity to worship with us on-line at this time. We are very busy putting together a service of lessons and carols and we shall be offering you a Christmas Day Eucharist and a BCP service on Sunday 27th December.

All the services can be viewed on our YouTube channel, details of which are on our website, and will be available from 10:00 on the appropriate day.

<b>Service of Lessons and Carols</b>	<b>December 22nd</b>
<b>Christmas Day Eucharist</b>	<b>December 25th</b>
<b>Feast of the Holy Family, BCP</b>	<b>December 27th</b>

Our sincere thanks go to a very small group who have worked hard with limited resources to make these on-line services possible!

Christmas donation to the Friends of St Boniface who support our church activities in so many ways are very welcome.

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