

Christmas Eve Worship

St. Matthew's is planning a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. Because we are limited to a maximum of 30% capacity, we are asking that everyone who would like to attend the Christmas Eve service to RSPV to the church office (stmatts@cogeco.net or 905-734-4746) no later than Sunday, December 20.

We will need to know the total number of people worshipping together who are in the same social bubble. This allows us to create a planned seating arrangement to ensure that we can make the most efficient use of our space while still maintaining a 2 metre separation of all social bubbles. Reservations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and we will try to post weekly updates on seating availability throughout December. There are still spots available.

If the number of people planning to attend Christmas Eve service exceeds our capacity, we may hold a second service at 10:00 p.m. For those who are not ready to join us for in-person worship, please continue to enjoy our worship services available on our website: stmatthewswelland.com

No In-person Worship – Dec 25, 27, Jan 3

In view of the increasing case counts of COVID-19 in Ontario and the Niagara Region, and the concerns of some of our parishioners, the Worship and Music committee, along with church council, recommends that **we cancel in-person worship on December 25, December 27 and January 3, 2021.** Instead we will offer recorded worship that will be available on our website. We plan to resume in-person worship on Sunday, January 10 providing that public health guidelines have not changed.

We feel that it is prudent to limit contacts for the 14 days after Christmas Eve just in case someone was exposed over the holidays. We should all be aware of our health status by January 10, 2021. We will continue to follow public health guidelines for our in-person worship services when they resume. We thank all members who follow the posted guidelines.

Awaiting a much better 2021. Stay well!

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