

At the time of going to print, we do not know what the Government COVID-19 restrictions will be over Christmas and what affect they will have on church services.

There will be services over Christmas, either digitally or socially distanced. If you wish to join with us to celebrate Christmas, and the birth of Jesus, please check the websites or contact the appropriate church nearer the time for up to date details.

*Happy Christmas from the Churches Together in Staplehurst*

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*Comfort and Joy*

CHRISTMAS is a celebration of LOVE. Christmas is about NEW BEGINNINGS.

We are all aware Christmas will be different, but it is still a time to care for one another and to be together in whichever safe way possible. We will not be short of stories to tell what was, in looking back on the year, especially remembering those who have died, to support those who have lost jobs and to be thankful for all who have cared for the sick and the vulnerable.

Jesus birth is the story of God's love for us in the mess as in the good, in the disappointment and the difficulty, in sorrow and in celebration.

WE pray for you that your journey through the Christmas season will give you the reassurance that you are not alone, but may you know God's PEACE COMFORT and JOY.

*Yours, Silke*