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Dear Parishioner

Light Up the Highlands 2020

Usually at about this time you receive a letter from the church telling you about our Light up the Highlands service for remembrance and celebration, and usually you respond eagerly and we have a wonderful service with a packed church at which you have a chance to hang your stars on the tree in memory of those you wish to remember.

This year we have Covid 19 to think about, so, as you might expect, this year things have to be a bit different. There is no safe way that we could hold such a service. Highland Hospice, who is the parent body of this idea, has seen that this is the case not only for us but for all the places where Light up the Highlands takes place, whether inside or outside. This being the case, they have instead arranged for a service to take place online which we can all join in with. It will be held on **Tuesday 1st December at 6 p.m. and can be accessed through the Highland Hospice Facebook page.**

In addition to providing a place to remember and a chance to look forward to the coming Christmas season, the Light Up the Highlands services are normally a way in which the Hospice can raise much needed funds. This year they need the funds even more than usual, if they are to be able to continue the good work that we associate with them. If you would like to give, you are encouraged to go to their online giving by accessing their main webpage at <https://highlandhospice.org/>.

Further details of the Church's Christmas programme, which will have to be innovatively different this year, will be sent round the community in due course. We will hope that next year we may be able to crowd into the church again and sing our lungs out, but in the meantime the message of Christmas remains the same: that God in his love for his creation, sent his Son Jesus to be one of us, live our life, die our death and bring with him the promise of life with God forever. And so even when things are uncertain and maybe feel a little bleak, we have reason to celebrate.

Every blessing,

Catherine Buchan (minister)