

## Christmas 2020 by Members of the Junior Church

### **Our Christmas 2020 – Isabella and Thomas**

Although Christmas might be a little bit different this year there will still be lots of things that stay the same.

One thing that will be the same is when we get our christmas tree out. Our tree is fake as Isabella managed to pull over the only real one we have ever had when she was a baby, so our parents bought a huge fake tree. We always try to make PUTTING UP THE TREE fun and play christmas songs but within around 2 minutes of trying to put the tree up our dad always gets frustrated WITH ALL THE BRANCHES.

We both spend ages decorating with the tinsel and the baubles however after leaving our mom in the room for about 5 seconds she always manages to rearrange the entire tree! We soon re-arrange it back, though!

Our favourite part of christmas is obviously the food. We have turkey, parsnips, carrots, roast potatoes, YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS (OUR FAVOURITE), GRAVY AND BRUSSEL SPROUTS. NORMALLY WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPROUTS SO OUR MOM DECIDED TO ADD BACON TO THEM AND IT'S ACTUALLY VERY NICE.

WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY LIKE WE USUALLY DO BUT WE CAN STILL USE

ZOOM TO TALK WITH THEM ON CHRISTMAS DAY (IF WE CAN MANAGE TO WORK OUT HOW TO USE IT!).

## **Christmas 2020 – Megan**

Christmas is going to be very different this year. One of the reasons is that I normally spend time at my Granny's house – making mincemeat and helping to make the Christmas cake. I enjoy doing this with Granny but this year I have made them at home which is not as much fun as doing it together.

Usually we have a school Christmas concert – gathering the orchestra and choir together at church to rehearse, then performing in the evening to our families. Everyone joins in with carols and we enjoy celebrating together. This year we have recorded our music and have shared the link in the school newsletter – so whilst we have performed, it is not the same as a real live concert.

In normal times, we meet with my cousins to have a big family meal and play silly games and go for a long walk, but this year we are meeting on Zoom for a quiz – I'm glad we have the technology to be able to stay in touch easily.

There are some things that remain the same – we will be decorating our tree and giving presents, writing

cards and enjoying Christmas dinner – but only three of us instead of our extended family. The only good thing is that there won't be as much washing up!

## **Christmas 2020 - Libby**

Christmas who doesn't love it?

Well, I don't at the moment as I don't get to see any of my friends or family.

I love my family and I want to celebrate Christmas with them. We have certain traditions that I'd like to keep but I can't go and see my family and I can't see my friends so we have to make do with what we can do

You can still put your Christmas tree up, imagine if Christmas trees were banned because of corona ...that would be even worse. Imagine having Christmas cancelled I mean we're not in the Grinch but if someone like that came along and took away Christmas I'd be pretty upset. I wouldn't be the only one so you can put your Christmas tree up and decorate the house as massively as you can. I wouldn't mind coming home and walking into a room full of tinsel no matter how itchy I think it is. I'd be happy even if I was crying because it kept on itching when wrapped around my neck.

This year hasn't been normal to say the least but you can still celebrate Christmas you've just got to die it down a bit. You can put your tree up, put your stockings up, watch the tv see things that have been shown before. Netflix are putting on the Grinch so I'm going to be watching that forever because this year has not been normal and is the worst of my life and I'm 11 so.....

You've just got to make the best of it that we can... until things are normal once more.

Christmas Poem....by Elissa

Christmas is here

The children will cheer, but will it be the same this year?

The Nativity is cancelled and the Christingle too  
Christmas isn't the same, it's true.

Tree lights will sparkle, decorations shine

Santa's sleigh bells will ring and chime.

All will remember the babe that was born

In the manger, in Bethlehem, on that Christmas morn.

Family and friends might be apart

But that doesn't mean they're not in our hearts.

Remember this Christmas to spread the Love

That always comes from God above.