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Dear Fr James and the congregation of Dae-Hak-Ro Church,

Christmas Greeting to you from all of us at All Saints' Peterborough.

Here we are about to embark on our Christmas services in a new tier 4 which is really quite close to lockdown though churches are allowed to stay open with covid precautions in place. People are naturally concerned about the new variant of the virus so I expect that a good number will join churches online rather than in person. We will have our Crib Services which for many people, they tell me, really start their Christmas and then our Eucharist tomorrow morning. I plan to attend the service in the cathedral this evening and have managed to book a place!

In the run up to Christmas people have been very generous in supporting the homeless of the city, providing gifts for children in temporary accommodation, and supporting the fund-raising efforts of the church. We have, like so many churches, moved online with services broadcast on Facebook. During the week we use Zoom and the Prayer Group, and weekly communion have seen growth, as well as those who join us or follow us from various countries around the world!

We are grateful that Agnes joins us very regularly and gives us such an insight into life in Korea. The approach to the virus has been quite different here.

The form of the coming of the messiah was unexpected; a baby in a manger rather than a powerful and majestic king in a palace. May we all find hope in the unexpected and rejoice in a God who does not leave us but is born among us.

With every blessing,

Greg

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