

*Sunday Service December 20<sup>th</sup> 2020*  
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*during the closure, for the*  
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Good afternoon to all our dear circles of friends. This is Gina Langsfield welcoming you on behalf of the SAGB to our Christmas 2020 Sunday Service. And, for those who join us on zoom please give a warm welcome to our mediums for our Carol Service today, Pauline Mason, Dorothy Young and Penny O'Meara.

Would you please like to join me in prayer

Dear God, loving Spirit

As we come together in love and unity to honour a Christmas very different to those familiar to most of us over the years. We ask that we remember to take time to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of a messenger of love.

We pray that while this year may not give us our usual festive season, it will be season of love, uniting people all across the globe irrespective of what Christmas means to them personally or whichever religious celebrations they so sadly missed out on this year.

Please send comfort to the mourner, healing to the sick, contact for the lonely, nourishment to the hungry, hope to the despairing and strength to the feeble. Please let that Christmas star of light return again leading us this time into a world of light, love, peace, hope and freedom.

Amen

The Christmas of love and hope.

There is an old song 'What a Difference a Day Makes' As we join here today I can't help thinking, what a difference a year makes. Many of you will remember being at our SAGB home last Christmas and being part of our beautiful Carol Service with Terri Stromeyer and Terry Tasker, that was very special, as indeed was the party which followed it made so memorable by Karl.

This year things are so different for us all connecting only remotely and singing in many a close proximity having been turned into a cry from that, congregational carol services, no parties, no magical events, such as Christmas markets, outdoor ice-skating, winter wonder land, illuminations tours etc, no pub lunches with family or friends or other celebrations with colleagues and no care free happy crowds in our brightly lit shopping centres with their Santa's Grottos.

Worse still little chance for many of us to visit family or friends and deliver the gifts we so long to give them and no communicating with our Spirit loved ones in the welcoming warmth of our SAGB building. All of these special things which are the highlight of this magical season and those of us who have lost all this are the lucky ones. Some have lost far more to Covid their lively hoods, their physical or mental health or worst of all someone they love...our hearts go out to their families that are suffering.

But Spirit has sent us a gift for this Christmas even if we don't have any placed under the tree, the gift of hope in all those little vials of vaccine. It is ironical at the moment of this gift to human kind should coincide with the season of Christmas, the season of love, of giving, of celebration.

We hope and pray that when Christmas returns next year so shall all those magical moments and this gives us something precious to hold onto. For this Christmas meanwhile we just have to do the best we can and what we need to remember is that even for those who are physically isolated and believe they are spending the season alone, they are not, Spirit loved ones are right here with us even when physical loved ones can't be, let's celebrate this season with them.

The Spring of 2020 took us from light into a temporarily darkened world, the Christmas of 2020 brings us closer towards the end of that darkness and back albeit slowly towards the light again. It will come soon. Until then stay safe, stay careful, stay positive.

I can think of no better way to conclude than by quoting the lyrics of one of our much loved Christmas songs 'Someday soon we all will be together if the fates allow until then we'll have to muddle through somehow, so have yourself a merry little Christmas now'

On behalf of our manager Karl and the Trustees, our staff, mediums, healers and as always myself, Gina. Have a safe, peaceful and Spirit blessed Christmas and a much happier 2021 that will lead us next Christmas to a season of magic and togetherness once again, God Bless.

And for those joining us for our Carol Service on Zoom I hand you back over now to our medium. God Bless you all.

*Spoken and written by Gina Langsfield*

*Background Music – Silent Night*