*St Mary*’*s Parish Church, Handsworth Eucharist 25th December 2020, Christmass Day*

Innoculations

*Isaiah 92-7; Psalm 96; Titus 211-14; Luke 21-14*

*To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.*

 *[Luke 211]*

*Use as a prop a large syringe.*

The end of 2020 had the very positive introduction of the vaccine for C19. Eventually, we should all be offered it and should certainly all have it.

What was the name of the 1st person to receive a C19 vaccination?

Margaret Keenan

Who administered it?

May Parsons, Matron, University College Hospitals, Coventry

The second person?

William Shakespeare from Warwickshire!

What does a vaccine do? It gives you a small dose of a virus so that your body builds up antibodies to fight it. It stops you getting the real thing.

Sometimes I worry that Church is a vaccine that stops people catching full-bodied faith.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus with the Eucharist to remind us that we need to embrace the whole story, not just the cuddly baby! It is about forgiveness of sins and hope in the face of death.

Hope may come with a vaccine, but certainty comes with faith!