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Hello Everyone

As the children would say "one more sleep until Santa comes"!!

We hope that you are ready for whatever tomorrow will be for you and that you are not too stressed. Yesterday, Trevor needed to go to a supermarket for something unavailable elsewhere....he came home to report that it was "manic" and that he couldn't imagine what everyone was going to do with the huge amount of things they were buying. I always think of those in the world who have very little or nothing and wonder what they would make of the consumerism seen in the developed world.



It is good to see Tickhill ready for Christmas. In St Mary's the lovely red frontal is on the altar, signifying the Festive Season. Later today there will be the first "do it yourself" nativity play, where the children come dressed as their favourite character and all take part in the production.

Later there will be community carol singing around the Buttercross, always a very popular occasion. The restaurants and pubs will all be open and many people go there after the carol singing.

I have previously mentioned the Sheffield Carols and this week in the news there was a report about a vicar who has established carol singing in a series of pubs which has resulted in huge numbers of people attending and loving the singing. Perhaps the only real connection with Christmas for many.

Wherever you will be in the next days, we wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Today, busy or not, happy or sad, surrounded by people or standing alone, we prepare to receive your great love. Lead me Lord, in to what I can do in these coming days to rest in you, to receive your love, and to refresh others with your love. Amen.

Love to everyone from Helen on behalf of the committee

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