



Letter #5 to Church Family  
Friday 27 March 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we adjust to life in lockdown across the St Nicholas Church Family a routine is gradually forming. I intend to write twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, in order to keep you up to date with what is happening and pass on helpful resources.

Resources for Sunday 29 March: [note – the clocks go forward on Sunday morning!]

- The livestream will be at 10am for both the main St Nicholas service and GC/4OC. You will be able to access them at the [St Nicholas YouTube Channel](#) and the [GC/4OC YouTube Channel](#) and/or by going direct to the St Nicholas [website](#). Don't forget to encourage others to tune in!
- There is also a [Church news sheet available](#) for Sunday and a service sheet with sermon headings for the St Nicholas live streaming.
- Cara, Simon and Hannah will contact parents directly concerning our ministry to children and young people.

Resources for prayer:

- Please continue to join Sue and me as we pray daily at 7:30pm.
- We will be getting in touch in due course about how to join the main church prayer gathering online next Tuesday 31 March at 8pm.
- Below is my weekly prayer briefing, which I'm currently making available to all:
  - Please pray for the proclamation of God's word by Angus on Mark 15:16-32 and Tom on Isaiah 12 this Sunday. Pray that the word of God would provide confidence and hope to all those who watch, both in Sevenoaks and beyond.
  - Please pray for the Lord to grant wisdom to all our leaders, for great courage and skill for all our health workers and for protection from the worst effects of the coronavirus, and that the Lord in His mercy would use this dreadful illness to cause many to turn back to Him.
  - Please pray for those who do not have internet access and also for those who are particularly isolated and lonely and in need of assistance with food shopping and supplies of medication.

Resources to encourage us in our trust in Christ

- Gavin has prepared a helpful [video message](#) on the theme of Psalm 77.
- Psalm 130 starts with the psalmist in the depths. The Gettys have produced [this version](#) which incorporates traditional Psalm singing and a more contemporary section in the middle – I trust that drawing us back to this psalm will encourage us all.



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Finally, the BCP Collect for this Sunday [5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent]

*We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

### **Church Family updates:**

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The MyChurchSuite App is available for both [Android](#) and [iPhone/iPad](#) and is easy to download and use. We recommend that you use it to stay up to date with church communications especially at this time of uncertainty.

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