

Letter #10 Church Family 14/4/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

'Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man." [1 Corinthians 15:20,21]

Though so many things have changed over recent weeks the one constant factor is that the Lord Jesus Christ is Risen. Each day as we get up, we can have full assurance that the Lord Jesus is alive today as our Lord and Saviour. Whatever our feelings - frantic, lonely, anxious, overwhelmed - the living Lord Jesus has conquered death and reigns over all!

1. Bible encouragement

- During each week we want to be encouraged from God's word. Today our curate, Matt Taylor, has prepared a video message on groaning in prayer from Jeremiah 32 - please [click here](#).
- Please also remember the daily devotionals during Holy Week on the Servant Songs in Isaiah. If you missed them they are all available on the St Nicholas YouTube Channel to access them please [click here](#).
- There have been two books published in the last week or so on our response to the coronavirus. John Piper has written '**Coronavirus and Christ**' to access his website [click here](#), whilst John Lennox has written '**Where is God in a coronavirus world?**' please [click here](#)

2. Prayer

- Don't forget to pray! Perhaps you might want to return to 2 Chronicles 7:14 this evening at 7:30pm.
- If you want to hear the latest developments with the Odens in Naples, and their plans to set up a Foodbank, please [click here](#)
- Another book which might help you to know how to pray is '**Five things to pray in a global crisis**' please [click here](#)

3. Fellowship

- I am privileged to hear how so many people within the church family are looking out for one another, which is wonderfully heart-warming. Thank you to all those involved for providing practical care and support. If you are in a position to offer further assistance please feel able to get in touch with the [Church Office](#).
- It was very good to hear from Helen Read, who works in the chaplaincy at Trinity School, how a number of people assisted in the school's project to help certain families in need within the school community. Thank you to those who dropped off food at the school and also to those who delivered supplies to homes within the Sevenoaks area. We will aim to keep you informed about how to join in with this ministry once school term restarts.

As usual I'm finishing with a song and a prayer.

The musical item is a traditional Good Friday hymn, recorded in St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, just before lock-down: '**When I survey**' please [click here](#)

The prayer is the Collect for Easter Sunday:

*Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and
might, now and in all eternity. Amen.*

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

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