

Letter #14 Church Family 28/04/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12*

Matt Taylor reminded us very helpfully in his recent video message [\[click here\]](#) about this important verse. As lockdown continues my prayer is that the Lord would not only sustain us but grant us the wisdom we need to live our lives in ways that please Him. Part of that wisdom will be shown in a greater dependence on the Lord evidenced in prayer. Please keep praying regularly at 7:30pm along with many others.

Today I am shaping this letter in a slightly different way to highlight a few items.

1. Listening to God’s word

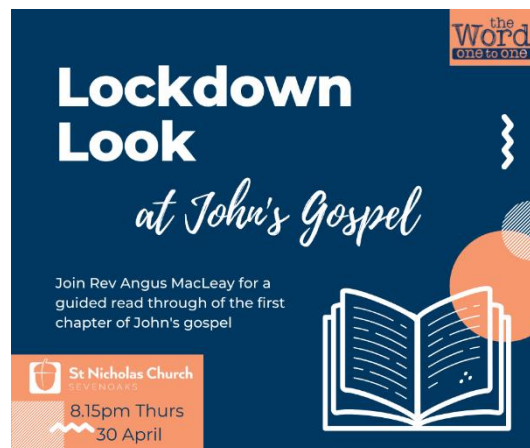
Tom has produced a challenging video message on 1 Corinthians 15:58 – [\[click here\]](#).

2. Engaging with God’s word

I have recently purchased a copy of *‘Gentle and lowly’* by Dane Ortlund. The subtitle is *‘The heart of Christ for sinners and sufferers.’* In his commendation of the book Sam Allberry writes: *‘Only a few pages in I started to realise how unusual and essential this book is – it is an exposition of the very heart of Christ.... Breathtaking and healing in equal measure, it is already one of the best books I’ve read.’* I warmly commend this book!

If you would like to order a copy of this book, or if you need any daily Bible Reading notes, please do contact Peter Cheesman who will be happy to help. Email him at peter.cheesman@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org

3. Explaining God’s word



Over the next few Thursday evenings, starting Thursday 30 April at 8:15pm I am going to be running a webinar on Zoom and Facebook. I will be speaking on John’s Gospel using *‘the Word one to one’* material. It is designed to help our non-Christian friends find out

more about Jesus and gives them an opportunity to listen and then ask questions. I will speak for about 20 minutes and then I will handle any questions that have arisen with the event concluding by 9pm.

To access the webinar [click here](#). To encourage friends to listen in, send them this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88644424046?pwd=OW00eVlxbkdSbER2WFYyZytGWUtXUT09> / password 468999

Or forward the invite shown on our [facebook page](#) or [Instagram page](#).

And please pray that the Lord would use this opportunity!

Finally, a song and a prayer....

[Click here](#) for the song is 'Christ is mine for evermore' by CityAlight – thoughtful words that are so appropriate to our current context.

The prayer is the Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity from the Book of Common Prayer:

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

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Video message from Psalm 90

Tom's video message on 1 Corinthians 15:58

To access the Webinar

For 'Christ is mine for evermore'

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