



Letter #19 Church Family 15/05/2020

Tel: 01732 740340
office@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org
www.stnicholas-sevenoaks.org

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
*“Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Saviour and my God. Psalm 42:5 & 11*

1. Encouragement from God’s word:

Gavin is tackling Psalm 42 today under the title of “A song of lament, a song of faith” ([click here](#)). It will be worth reading the whole Psalm which includes this refrain in the middle and at the end. I think many of us are finding the Psalms a tremendous comfort during these days, perhaps especially some of the laments as we go through our current circumstances. If you have a particular favourite then please feel able to get in touch through office@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org . Tell us, in brief, which Psalm and how it has helped you during lockdown.

2. Sunday ministry:

Details of all the Sunday services are clearly signposted on the [St Nicholas website](#), where you will find links to the news sheet, service sheet and the services themselves.

Continue to consider who you could invite to join us this Sunday!

On Sunday morning we have an all age service – please don’t miss the first few minutes! The preacher is Ed Drew who runs ‘Faith in Kids’ and who has already visited the parish earlier in the year to deliver a very helpful session on parenting. This service really is for all ages, young and old!

In order to prepare for the service there are a few things you might want to do:

- Read Mark 6:30-44 beforehand, in an adult or children’s Bible. What are the surprises? How would you explain it to a friend? What is worrying you at the moment? Pray for Ed as he prepares to speak to us.
- Get some soft toys ready to bring to the live stream (Ed will refer to them at some point)!
- [Click here](#) for the activity sheet to help your children begin to engage with the Bible passage we’ll be exploring.

As usual after the morning service, please do join other members of our church family for a virtual coffee:-

- for the 09:15 congregation [click here](#) (meeting ID 831 9773 2034, password 0915Coffee)
- for the 11:00 congregation [click here](#) (meeting ID 989 8217 9349, no password)

Members of other St Nicholas based congregations are very welcome to join either of the above virtual coffees.

- for Grace Church and 4 O’clock congregations [click here](#) (meeting ID 926 213 107, password church)

Praying for Sunday ministry:

As always, let us keep praying daily at 7:30pm. For the coming weekend, here are additional prayer points:

1. Pray for Ed Drew’s talk on the feeding of the five thousand in Mark 6:30-44. Pray that we would all be engaged and would be eager to learn and be nourished by God’s word.



St Nicholas Church

SEVENOAKS

2. Pray for me as I preach at our Evening Service on Zoom on Ephesians 5:3-14. Pray for clarity in exposition and for application that encourages us towards Christlikeness.
3. Please give thanks for our musicians from across all the congregations. Give thanks for the many hours of work that they put into the preparation of the recorded items. Pray that our musical worship on Sundays would inspire us in the ongoing daily worship of offering our bodies as living sacrifices to Christ (Romans 12:1,2).

Finally, I leave you with a song and a prayer.

The song is '[Only a Holy God](#)' by CityAlight .

The prayer is the Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter:

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

To access the articles / items referred to in the letter, use the links below:

Click here	For Gavin's talk on Psalm 42
Click here	To go to the St Nicholas Website and link to Sunday's service
Click here	To download the activity sheet for Sunday
Click here	To join 9:15 virtual coffee
Click here	To join 11am virtual coffee
Click here	To join Grace / 4OCC virtual coffee
Click here	To listen to "Only a Holy God"

Church Family updates:

At present, these letters are being sent to everyone on our church database, but we do ask you all to check your privacy and communication settings to ensure you are registered to receive such communications in the future.

The MyChurchSuite App is available for both [Android](#) and [iPhone/iPad](#) and is easy to download and use.

Contact the office if you need help with any of this [office@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org]