

Letter #24 Church Family 11/06/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.” [Psalm 100:5]*

Our feelings constantly go up and down. We are affected by our circumstances and shaped by the latest Covid-19 statistics or by how the easing of the lockdown may help us. Sometimes we are full of hope but on other occasions we can be consumed with feelings of despair. At these times it is so good to be reminded of some clear objective truths which apply all the time. Psalm 100 is full of joy. That joy is based on the unchanging truths that God is good and that He will always be faithful to His promises and His people. Let's take a good dose of Psalm 100:5 – it's wonderful medicine for the soul!

1. Exploring God's word

- This week Gavin has kindly produced a video message based on Revelation 1:5,6 'Who is it who loves us?' [click here](#).
- Jeremy Marshall's daily devotions for GAFCON are being published throughout June and are highly recommended as he handles the theme of suffering. To access them, [click here](#).
- Daily Bible Reading notes typically start at the beginning of each quarter. Please feel able to contact Peter Cheesman in our Bookshop to order new material for July onwards. [Click here](#).

2. Joining us on Sunday

To join us on Sunday please head to the [St Nicholas website](#) where the different services are clearly labelled. To access the various 'Zoom coffee' gatherings please note the following:

- for the 09:15 congregation [\[click here\]](#) (meeting ID 872 7471 1210, no password)
- 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 886 6180 2881, password church)

3. Praying for this Sunday

- Please pray for God's word to be taught faithfully this Sunday. I am continuing the Philippians series in the morning; Tom is preaching on 1 Corinthians 4 at GC/4 and Jamie Read is looking at the armour of God in Ephesians 6 in the evening. Pray that our hearts would be burning within us as the Spirit convicts us of the truth and causes us to delight further in pleasing Christ in our lives.
- Pray for the great work of Campaigners led by Albert and Elizabeth Wood – pray that the Lord would use all that they are doing in these days to enable many of our young people to walk more closely with Christ.

- Give thanks once again for all the folk who are assisting with their technical skills and musical gifts. We are also so dependent upon the church office team, all working on their own and often under huge pressure. Pray for great wisdom and skill in all these practical aspects which undergird our ongoing ministry of the gospel of our Lord Jesus in these days.

4. Church family webinar – ‘The way forward’ – Monday 22 June 2020 at 7:45pm

Please pray for the PCC, meeting this Wednesday, as it considers the way forwards following the Truscott Report. I am so grateful for all the hard work of the Implementation Group, chaired by Ben Stone. In order to keep all of us in the picture it has been decided to hold a webinar on Zoom Monday 22 June at 7:45pm. This will provide a chance to hear from the members of the Implementation Group with the opportunity for questions to be asked. We will provide details of how to access this webinar nearer the time but please put this date into your diary.

Finally, a song and a prayer....

[Click here](#) for the song is ‘It is well with my soul’ ... what a great hymn!

The prayer is the Collect for Peace from the Book of Common Prayer, Morning Prayer:

*O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

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<a href="#">Click Here</a>	For Gavin speaking on Revelation 1
<a href="#">Click Here</a>	Jeremy Marshall daily devotions
<a href="#">Click Here</a>	If you wish to order Daily Bible Reading notes
<a href="#">Click Here</a>	Directions to all our Services on a Sunday
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<a href="#">Click here</a>	For the song ‘It is well with my soul’