



Letter #30 Church Family email 23/07/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” [Psalm 105:4]

We look in all sorts of places and to all sorts of people, but this Psalm reminds us that the most important thing is to be found looking to the LORD and seeking His face, as we remember that He remembers us. I have explored this Psalm in more detail in my talk for the new midweek Communion service that started on yesterday and will be running (God willing) throughout the summer on **Wednesday evenings at 8pm**. You can access the talk [here](#). The teaching at these Communion services will focus on exploring the significance of the Lord’s Supper and links into the excellent book by Tim Chester ‘Truth we can touch’, available from our bookshop [here](#).

Joining us on Sunday for our virtual services

To join us on Sunday please head to the [St Nicholas website](#) where the different services and virtual coffees are clearly labelled.

Joining us on Sunday morning at the St Nicholas Church building at 10am:

We have had a couple of weeks of running a service back in the building. Numbers are small but it is a great opportunity for those who can attend to gather in order to support each other. Government advice is that we are now encouraged to wear a face covering in the building and it is a mark of our love and respect for others that we will seek to do everything to minimise the risk to others. More details are available on our notice sheet about how we are seeking to comply with guidance from both the government and the House of Bishops – [click here](#).

Praying for this Sunday

- This Sunday morning Matt Taylor will be preaching on John 2:13-25 both on YouTube and then ‘live’ in the church building. John will be continuing the Proverbs series for the GC/4 YouTube series and Simon Heather is focusing on Psalm 146 in a new series on the Psalms on Zoom in the evening. Pray that we would increasingly regard God’s word as ‘more precious than gold’ [Psalm 19:10].
- Let us pray especially for those in our Church family who are living on their own. Though the lockdown is easing it does not necessarily mean that the sense of isolation has changed much. Pray that as a Church family we would know what it is to ‘love each other at full stretch’ [1 Peter 4:8 my translation].



- Pray for those working in the church office over the summer period coordinating all the digital services, organising the physical services and getting on with so many other things on our behalf. Pray that the Lord would sustain each one that they would count their service to the Lord a privilege and joy.

Praying together each week: 8:00-8:15pm Mondays; 8:00-8:15am Thursdays

Last Monday evening we started a new prayer initiative. Aware of the important discussions going ahead relating to the Truscott Report it was felt that it would be good to gather for a short regular time of prayer on Mondays at 8pm and Thursdays at 8am. The Zoom Link is:

<https://bit.ly/TIGprayer>

(Via Zoom account or by telephone on 0203 481 5237 - Meeting ID 876 9748 8958 / password 410376)

Please also remember that the new Vision Statement, recently approved by the PCC, can be downloaded in a postcard size ready to print out and put in your Bible [here](#). Actual postcards will soon be available too.

Church garden and borders

We owe an enormous debt of thanks to Joyce Mortimer who has kept the church garden and borders beautifully presented over many, many years and who is now standing down from this role. I know that others have also given her assistance, but it has been a delight seeing Joyce's cheerful smile as she has served in all weathers in this practical way. I am sure that there are many within the church family who enjoy looking after borders and if a number volunteered it would make the job easier! Do get in touch with the church office if you might be able to assist.

Finally, a song and a prayer....

[Click here](#) for the great hymn 'And can it be' written by Charles Wesley and sung by Stuart Townend. Please note that the virtual Keswick Convention starting Monday 27/7 can be accessed [here](#).

The prayer is the Collect for the seventh Sunday after Trinity:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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	To watch Angus' video message on Psalm 105
Click Here	To Email Peter Cheesman in the Bookroom
Click Here	Directions to all our Services and virtual coffees on a Sunday
Click Here	More details and guidelines for Sunday at church
Click Here	For Zoom link to weekly Prayer Meeting
Click Here	To print out the New Vision Statement
Click Here	To listen to "And can it be"
Click Here	To join the Virtually Keswick Convention