



Letter #36 Church Family email 03/09/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” [John 10:10]

Jesus does not give us something ‘extra’ to enable us to enjoy life. He is Life and He gives life itself. Without Him there is no life, however much our world and our friends might seek to persuade us otherwise. As oxygen is essential to physical life, so God’s Spirit is absolutely essential for life in God’s presence. Only Jesus is able to pour out His Spirit to give us that life. Further below you will find details about **‘Life – Autumn 2020’** which will provide a wonderful opportunity for others to discover this life. As schools and offices re-open under the dark cloud of Covid-19 let us constantly be reminded that in any and every circumstance Jesus alone offers ‘life in all its fullness’.

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

To access all our Sunday services, [go to the church website](#). You will also find details of how we are seeking to comply with Covid-19 guidance from both the government and the House of Bishops.

Praying for this Sunday

- Please pray for the various online services on Sunday. Matt is preaching on Luke 2:41-52 at the All age service; John is preaching on Romans 3:21-31 at GC/4 and in the evening I am starting a new series on the ‘one another’ sayings in the New Testament starting with Hebrews 10:19-25. Please pray especially for all of us as we watch that God’s Spirit would enable us to focus well amid the distractions of home life.
- Please pray for the service in the St Nicholas building at 10am when Matt is preaching and which also features a baptism. Pray that God’s word would be clearly heard, and that the baptism family would be warmly welcomed and encouraged in following Jesus.
- Pray for the opportunities for face to face contact outside after the service at St Nicholas and for GC/4 on the Vine. Pray that we would make every effort ‘to spur one another on to love and good deeds’ (Hebrews 10:24).

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

Our prayer initiative continues in relation to praying about the implementation of the Truscott Report. Please especially pray concerning the PCC meeting this Wednesday evening. We gather 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.



Life – Autumn 2020

If you live within TN13 1**, 2** or 3** then you should be receiving a Christian magazine *'Life'* during this week. It includes a mixture of informative articles, puzzles, testimonies and in the centre has an article by Roger Carswell about how to have hope during this time of pandemic. Wouldn't it be great to interact with your neighbours and friends about it?

In a few weeks' time Roger Carswell will be linking in with us for a weekend entitled *'Real life'*. Thursday 1 October in the evening he will be interviewing retired High Court Judge, Sir Jeremy Cooke. Then Roger will be preaching at all our services Sunday 4th October.

On Monday 12th October we aim to start a short course *'Knowing Life'* based on short passages in John's Gospel which can be accessed either on the evening or at a convenient point later in the week with our friends. Further details will follow but please be praying.

Our new vision statement is 'to know Jesus and make Jesus known'. *'Life – Autumn 2020'* provides a great platform for us each to engage with our non-Christian friends. Let us pray for each other that we would all use this opportunity to make Jesus known!

Finally, a song and a prayer....

The song is '[All my ways are known to you](#)' by CityAlight. Perhaps we especially need the reminder that even in the middle of a pandemic all our ways are known to the Lord.

The prayer is the Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity and is a wonderful succinct prayer for the spread of the gospel in Sevenoaks and beyond:

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

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Click Here	For details of all our services & Covid-19 guidance
Click Here	For Zoom link to weekly TIG Prayer Meetings
Click Here	To listen to 'All my ways are known to you'



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