



Letter #37 Church Family email 10/09/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“This is the name by which he shall be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.” [Jeremiah 23:6]
If our confidence is based on our own abilities, goodness, godliness or health we will always face huge struggles and disappointments. Ultimately our hope as believers must be based on Jesus, the Lord our Righteousness. This must be the foundation for our lives, the solid rock on which we build. In that sense we never move beyond the gospel. Instead each day we must reappropriate the gospel for ourselves. Each day we need to come back to the cross and back to the Lord Jesus. For a song based on this verse see below.

Joining us on Sunday online:

To access all our Sunday services, [go to the church website](#).

Joining us at St Nicholas Church building at 10am:

From this Sunday we are making a specific attempt to welcome families with children and young people back into the church building. We will of course continue to do all we can to comply with Covid-19 guidance from both the government and the House of Bishops [\[see here\]](#). As we will need to utilise as many seats as possible please be guided by the stewards on arrival so that we can maximise our limited seating. Cara has prepared a very helpful sheet to assist all of us in welcoming families with children – [click here](#). Please read through whether or not you have children.

Praying for this Sunday

- Please pray for our physical gathering in the St Nicholas Church building this Sunday as many families plan to rejoin us. Pray that families with young children will be especially welcomed and that they would find the children’s resources prepared by Cara really helpful during the sermon.
- Please pray for those proclaiming God’s word to be faithful and clear so that we hear God’s voice. I am preaching on Luke 3 and John is focussing on Romans 4 in the morning. Gavin is looking at one of the ‘one another’ passages in Colossians 3:12-14 in the evening Zoom service. Above all pray for the work of God’s Spirit among us to guide us into the truth and to lead us to Jesus.
- Please pray for Simon as he leads Contact, building on the work of the Contact Houseparty. Pray also for some of our students who will already have started at university that the Lord would sustain them and enable them to find good fellowship to encourage them in their walk with Jesus.



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 give thanks for a very helpful, harmonious and hardworking PCC meeting last week. Pray that the result of this part of the 'Truscott' process would genuinely enable all of us to delight in God's goodness in guiding us through difficult days. We gather for 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.

Life – Autumn 2020

If you live within TN13 1**, 2** or 3** then you should have received a Christian magazine '*Life*'. 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. Finally 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. Matt Taylor has put together this helpful video to inform us about this initiative – [click here](#).

Trinity School Food bank:

Helen Read has sent us details [[see here](#)] about how we can assist with the Trinity School foodbank as it resumes operations every Tuesday morning after the summer break.

Finally, a song and a prayer....

The song was written by the Scottish preacher Robert Murray M'Cheyne '[Jehovah Tsidkenu](#)' ([meaning 'the Lord our righteousness'](#)) and produced by 20Schemes, a Scottish ministry reaching out in places of real deprivation. It is 8 minutes in length and features an extract from M'Cheyne's diary, baptisms and bagpipes!

The prayer is from the Book of Common Prayer litany, recognising that we need all the help we can get from the Lord in our spiritual battles:

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful: Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought, and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay



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<u>Click Here</u>	For Trinity School foodbank information
<u>Click Here</u>	To listen to 'Jehovah Tsidkenu'