



Letter #38 Church Family email 17/09/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.” [Psalm 130:1,2]*

What an encouragement it is to know that all our concerns and anxieties are known by the Lord and find expression in the cries of the Psalmist, which we can then use. All of us at some point, perhaps even at this very minute, will know what it is to be *in the depths*. But even there the Lord can be found as the Psalm ends with the great affirmation, *“with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.”* I have been finding great encouragement in the Psalms and trust that you will also discover that they not only echo our fears and troubles but also point us to the Lord as our Rock and Redeemer.

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:

Like last Sunday, we are making a specific attempt to welcome families with children and young people back into the building. We will of course continue to do all we can to comply with the Covid-19 guidance [[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. I am also attaching Cara's very helpful sheet to assist all of us in welcoming families with children, which is useful for all of us to read [click here](#). Please note that we are likely to move to two main meetings on Sunday mornings at the building in the coming weeks, so please check the website for the latest news. We are excited that Grace/4 should be able to use Lady Boswells School from 27 September.

Praying for this Sunday

- It would be wonderful to pray for the whole church family learning together in the building or online during these days. Pray that all our children across our congregations would be learning about Christ as they see their parents learn more about Jesus.
- Please pray for John starting a new series in Mark's Gospel on Mark 4:35-41 at GC/4 and for me as I preach on Jesus' baptism (and genealogy!) from Luke 3. Pray for Matt as he handles another of the 'one another' sayings from 1 John 3 in the evening. On the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the *Mayflower* celebrated last week, Pastor John Robinson, in commissioning the company, included the affirmation that *‘the Lord hath more truth yet to break forth out of His Holy Word’* – may that be so this Sunday, for our spiritual benefit..



- Please pray for all those serving behind the scenes with technical skills for online or livestream ministry as well as those welcoming and stewarding at the amin building, giving thanks for the ministries which the Lord has blessed us with across all our congregations.

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

The final PCC meeting before the Annual Meeting is this Wednesday evening. Please join us in prayer if you can during the week for the PCC and APCM that these meetings would be marked by grace, truth, unity and much wisdom. 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

Matt Taylor has put together this video to inform us about this initiative – [click here](#). Very soon Roger Carswell will be linking in with us for the *‘Real Life’* weekend. 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 has kindly produced a short video about *‘Knowing Life’* - [click here](#).

Trinity School:

Last week we posted news about Trinity’s foodbank. This week we can include a short YouTube clip from the School Chaplain, Anna Graham about the wonderful ministry going on at the school - [Click here](#).

Finally, a song and a prayer....

The song is *‘We are one’* by Emu music and includes the line ‘we are here to bear each other’s load’. Let us pray that as a church family we can be a real support to each other especially in our times of need.

The prayer is from the Book of Common Prayer Communion service:

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

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Click Here	For Covid-19 guidance in the church
Click Here	For information on welcoming families with children to the church



St Nicholas Church

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Click Here	For 'Life' campaign information video
Click Here	For 'Knowing Life' information video
Click Here	For a square version of the 'Knowing life' video to share on Social Media
Click Here	For Trinity School Chaplaincy video update
Click Here	To listen to 'We are one'