



Letter #41 Church Family email 08/10/2020

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

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*“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.” [Psalm 24:1,2]*

Especially in the light of renewed concerns about the spread of Covid it is good to be reminded that the Lord holds everything in His hands. He is Creator, Sustainer and Saviour. How good it is, even when everything appears to be spinning out of control, to be reminded that He is indeed the **Lord**. As we approach harvest time, let us continue to give thanks to God for His goodness to us in creation as well as in redemption.

Joining us on Sunday online:

- St Nicholas Sunday morning livestream – at **9am**
- St Nicholas @ Lady Boswell’s morning livestream – at **10am**
- St Nicholas Sunday evening Zoom service – at **6:30pm**

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

Joining us at St Nicholas Church building at 9am and 11am:

As in recent weeks, families with children and young people are particularly welcome. We will continue to do all we can to comply with the updated Covid-19 guidance [[see here](#)]. We are particularly grateful for everyone who is assisting with these services. Please let the office know if you could offer any help.

Joining us at Lady Boswell’s School at 10am:

St Nicholas @ Lady Boswell’s is now meeting in the Lady Boswell’s School building at **10am**. As space is slightly limited, we need to run a booking system. Go to the [website](#) for more details about registering. This service will also be livestreamed on YouTube at 10am.

Praying for this Sunday

- Please pray for Matt preaching at 9am and 11am on John 4:27-38 and for me preaching at 10am and 6:30pm on Mark 6:1-13. In 1 Peter 2:2,3 we are reminded that God’s word is the food that enables us to grow, so please pray that the Lord would put within us all a hunger and appetite to feed on His word.
- Please pray for the London City Mission and especially for Mark Harding (Chairman) and Ian Nash (Board member). Pray that the Lord would use their ministry among the homeless, especially in the current crisis, to be a means of demonstrating the compassion of Christ.
- Please pray for the Shepherd family (see details below) as they prepare to join us 18 October and get ready for French language training before heading out to west Africa.



Knowing Life

The events with Roger Carswell are now all on our YouTube Channel. I particularly commend the [interview with retired High Court judge Sir Jeremy Cooke](#) which was very clear and compelling. On Monday 12 October at 8pm we are launching the first short video in our series 'Knowing Life' which can be accessed [here](#). Please consider passing on this link to friends and family (they do not have to be in Sevenoaks!) and watching on a Monday evening. Please also remember that these short videos will then be on our YouTube Channel so that you can access them together with your friends later in the week. Our Vision is 'to know Jesus and to make Him known' so let us use this opportunity to do this!

London City Mission: harvest project

Last week I highlighted that this harvest Sunday we are going to continue to support the work among the homeless at Webber Street run by London City Mission. Normally we encourage people to bring gifts of food to the front of church but for obvious reasons that is simply not practicable this year. LCM have indicated that they would find it easiest to receive financial donations so that they can keep this work among the homeless running. Here is their [video](#) about this important ministry. Please donate on a dedicated page for gifts from St Nicholas Church members by clicking [here](#).

News from Paul and Helen Shepherd

The Shepherd family are due to be with us 18 October. They have just returned from Uganda and are in transition to serving with AIM in west Africa. [Click here](#) to see their latest short video (**password: Bonjour1!**).

Youth Ministry Survey

With the adoption of our new Vision Statement, we are keen to consider its impact on our youth work. If you are over 18 years of age and have experience of Centrepont or Contact, please do [click here](#). We would be very grateful for your assistance as we review things and then assess the way forwards.

Finally, a song and a prayer....

The song is '[We plough the fields and scatter](#)' as a reminder of harvest and God's goodness.

The prayer is the Collect for Harvest from Common Worship:

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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



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Click here	For online services details
Click here	COVID guidelines for in-person services
Click here	To register for the in-person service at Lady Boswell's School
Click here	To view the interview by Roger Carswell with Sir Jeremy Cooke
Click here	On Monday to join in with Knowing Life
Click here	To view the Webber Street video
Click here	To donate to the LCM harvest appeal for Webber Street
Click here	To watch Paul & Helen Shepherd's latest video update (password: Bonjour1!)
Click here	To complete the Youth work survey
Click here	To listen to "We plough the fields and scatter"