



Letter #50 Church Family email 10/12/2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word." [Hebrews 1:3]

I have been thoroughly enjoying Tim Chester's daily devotionals in 'Fixated', our Advent study book. Even as we remember Jesus being born and laid in a manger let us also remember that He is the One who continues to sustain absolutely everything that exists. This Christmas we won't get a better Jesus ... but let's pray that we get Jesus better!

Joining us on Sunday in person and online:

On Sunday we can enter St Nicholas and Lady Boswells for our Sunday services, whilst continuing to offer online engagement. Our services will be as follows:

- St Nicholas @ 9am **with livestream at 9am**
- Lady Boswells @ 9:30am [booking required] **with livestream at 9:30am**
- St Nicholas @ 11am
- Lady Boswells @ 11am [booking required]
- St Nicholas @ 6:30pm on **Zoom**

To access all our Sunday services, go [to the website](#). For booking at Lady Boswell's [click here](#).

After the morning online gatherings there will be the opportunity to catch up with friends through Zoom Coffee, for details go to [the website](#)

Praying for this Sunday

- Please pray for me preaching in the morning on Hebrews 2:10-13, looking at the incarnation again. John is preaching at Lady Boswells on Luke 2:8-20. Pray especially for families engaging either in the buildings or in their own homes, that they would have a hunger to encounter Christ.
- Pray for Jamie Read preaching on Isaiah 35 in the evening and please also remember Contact as they gather Sunday by Sunday that each member would be nurtured and better established in their faith in Christ.
- Pray for people around our parish to be reading the card '[Hope is born](#)' delivered to their doors recently. Pray that it would draw many to consider the hope available through Jesus.

Christmas Services

As mentioned last week, due to the restrictions on numbers in the building, like many other churches, we will require a booking system for our Christmas services. Services will be accessible on livestream, but many may wish to attend church services in person. We are keen to find ways in which we can provide opportunities for



those who rarely attend to be able to be present, so please let friends and neighbours be aware of our booking system, which will go live on **Monday 14th December** and will cover the following services below. [To book please go to the website here.](#)

Sunday 20 December @ 6:30pm at St Nicholas – ‘Festival of lessons and carols’

Christmas Eve @ 2:30pm & 4pm at St Nicholas

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion @ 11:15pm at St Nicholas

Christmas Day @ 10am at St Nicholas

Christmas Day @ 10am at Lady Boswell’s

The Generosity Project

Last Sunday I provided some background concerning why all our Home Groups and Bible study groups will be looking at the Generosity Project after Christmas [[click here](#)]. There is also a short introductory video [to find out more here](#). To order a copy of the book at the special price of £5 [click here](#).

Hope Explored

One of the main themes running through all our Christmas services will be ‘*hope*’ which can ultimately only be found in Jesus Christ. In the New Year we will be running a short course ‘Hope Explored’. [Click here](#) for dates and details. Please consider attending and also inviting others to join us!

St Nicholas Mission partners

Jo Dodson on our Mission Committee has very kindly compiled a report about most of our Mission Partners with news and prayer requests. [Click here](#) for a very informative and encouraging overview.

Finally, a song and a prayer

The song is ‘[Who would have dreamed](#)’ by Sovereign Grace which catches the wonder and shock of the incarnation.

The prayer is the Collect for Advent which can be used all the way through Advent:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay

To access the links in today’s letter, please use the details below:

Click here	For details about our Sunday services
Click here	For the LB booking page
Click here	For details of the Zoom Coffees
Click here	For the ‘Hope is born’ card
Click here	To book places at Christmas Services (from Monday 14 th December)



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Click here	Angus introduction to the Generosity Project
Click here	For an introductory video for the Generosity Project
Click here	To order a £5 copy of the book
Click here	For information about the Hope explored course and booking form
Click here	Mission Partners News
Click here	For the song 'Who would have dreamed'

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To know Jesus and make Him known locally and globally