



Letter #58 Church Family email 11/2/2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*“Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?” [Psalm 85:6]*

Many of us are understandably feeling the burden of these days. When the psalmist faced such difficulties, he cried out to the Lord for God’s people to be restored and revived. It is what we all need isn’t it? Much as we should pray for protection and for God’s sustaining hand to get us through another day, it is also right that we should be praying for the Lord to be sending revival upon us. It would be just like the Lord to come to us when we are at our weakest and lowest ebb, so that when His power is made known it is obvious to everyone that it is due to God and not to us.

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021:**

Currently we are still operating online only but soon we hope to be able to return to our buildings. Please be assured that we are continually reviewing the situation. This Sunday please note the new service times. There are a few people who access the livestream on the telephone, and we have had to select one service to make that facility available as we go forwards – we felt that the 11am service would be the most suitable.

To access our gatherings, go to the [website here](#).. Sunday services are followed directly by Zoom Coffee which you can access here: [St Nicholas](#) / [Lady Boswell’s](#)

- **9.15am from St Nicholas on YouTube**
- **10am from Lady Boswell’s on YouTube**
- **11am from St Nicholas on YouTube (with telephone access)**
- **6:30pm on Zoom**

### **Prayer focus for Sunday**

1. Please pray for the Commissioning of our Congregational Pastors this Sunday: Gavin McGrath (9.15am Congregation), Matt Taylor (11am Congregation) and John Khnana (Lady Boswell’s Congregation).
2. Please pray for the faithful preaching of God’s word on Sunday: Gavin on Isaiah 40 at 9.15am; John on Romans 7 at Lady Boswells, Matt on Galatians 1 at 11am and Robin Lochhead on 1



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John 4 at 6.30pm. Pray for clarity of expression and for all who hear to be deeply convicted as we receive God's word.

3. Please pray for the technical teams required to support each of our congregations.

### Ash Wednesday & Lent

- **Ash Wednesday Reflections**

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and we will be providing a short service with Matt Taylor speaking. It will be accessible any time after **8am Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** [here](#).

- **Lent devotional readings**

'*An Ocean of Grace*' is a series of short daily readings in the form of devotional prayers from the past. '*Hope in the face of Suffering*' by Jeremy Marshall is a series of 20 devotions for tough times. I warmly commend both. Due to lockdown, books ordered can only be picked up from the Church Office on Thursdays between 10am and 2pm. Please follow all the correct protocols in terms of face coverings and social distancing if coming to the Office. You can [order either book here](#).

- **Family activities during Lent**

Hannah Blake has kindly put some resources together suitable for families and children over half term and Lent. Please click [here for her video message](#) and [email her](#) to get involved.

### Christianity Explored

After a stimulating and enjoyable time in *Hope Explored* two new groups have burst to life. *Discipleship Explored* began on Monday night and is already full. *Christianity Explored* is also running on Mondays at 8pm and still has capacity. If you are interested in joining, please sign up via the [church website here](#). Please thank God for these groups and pray for His blessing on them.

### Toolbox 2021

This year Toolbox will be delivered online. We will be offering one seminar each Sunday evening at 6.30pm, as follows.

**Sunday 21 February 2021 – Living in Love and Faith: Angus MacLeay**

**Sunday 28 February 2021 – How do I share my faith? Rebecca Manley Pippert [author]**

**Sunday 7 March 2021 – Covid, Climate and the Church: Dr Ruth Valerio [Tearfund]**

Further details about each seminar are [available here](#).

### Finally, a song and a prayer ....

The song is '[Abide with me](#)' sung by Kristyn Getty from the Getty's latest project 'Evensong'

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The prayer is the Collect for the Sunday before Lent:

*Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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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<a href="#">Click here</a>	Zoom coffee for 9:15am congregation
<a href="#">Click here</a>	Zoom coffee for 10am at Lady Boswell's congregation
<a href="#">Click here</a>	Zoom coffee for 11am congregation
<a href="#">Click here</a>	To access the Ash Wednesday service (from 8am)
<a href="#">Click here</a>	Order a book from the bookshop
<a href="#">Click here</a>	Half term activities - video
<a href="#">Click here</a>	Contact Hannah Blake re half term / Lent
<a href="#">Click here</a>	Christianity Explored Information
<a href="#">Click here</a>	Toolbox details
<a href="#">Click here</a>	To listen to 'Abide with me'

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