



Letter #63 Church Family email 18/03/2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself for me.**' [Galatians 2:20]*

This coming Sunday is sometimes known as 'Passion Sunday' as we remember Jesus' sufferings in Gethsemane and on the Cross. As we focus on what Christ has done there are many passages in the Bible which speak of His love for His people in general. However, there are just a few which particularly highlight his love for us individually. In our Bible verse above we see the Apostle Paul savouring the glorious truth that Jesus had loved him personally. And what is true of Paul is also true for each of us: we are loved uniquely. The Lord Jesus, knowing your name, your identity and all your sins and failings, gave his life for *you*. As we prepare for Good Friday and Easter let us make sure that we spend sufficient time on our knees before the Lord, savouring afresh what it means to be individually and personally loved by the Lord Jesus.

Sunday 21st March 2021

This Sunday we continue with 'in person' services at our three morning congregations. Please be aware of our Covid-[safe procedures](#). We are committed to continue to ensure that all our services are available online for those who cannot yet gather physically – [online access can be found here](#).

Sunday services are followed directly by Zoom Coffee which you can access here [St Nicholas 9.15/11am](#). The 10am Lady Boswell's service is followed by Zoom [coffee at 11.30am here](#)

- **St Nicholas @ 9.15am – in person & livestream**
- **St Nicholas @ Lady Boswell's – in person [[booking required here](#)] & livestream**
- **St Nicholas @ 11am – in person & livestream**
- **St Nicholas @ 6:30pm - Zoom**

Prayer focus for Sunday

1. Please pray for our pastoral care as a Church family across all our congregations. As we come to the anniversary of lockdown on 23rd March, we will all be aware of those who have been bereaved as well as those who have particularly struggled with the measures to combat Covid – let's pray that we would be sensitive to the individual needs of all who have been impacted adversely by the last year.
2. Please pray for all those preaching on Sunday: for Gavin completing the Isaiah 40 series at 9.15am; for Matt finishing Galatians 6 at 11am and for me speaking on 2 Kings 6 at both Lady Boswell's and the 6.30pm service. Pray that the word of the Lord would comfort, strengthen and guide us as we seek to follow Jesus.
3. Give thanks for our new curate, Nic Ross, who is currently at Oak Hill and is due to be joining us in the summer. Pray for the live interview at 6.30pm on Sunday as he is introduced to the Church Family.



Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

Please note that over Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday we expect to be at full capacity, recognising that due to the 2 metre rule the capacity at both buildings is considerably reduced. As a consequence, we will be making arrangements **for seating to be reserved** in advance via the website. For Sunday 28th March seating will be available to reserve from Monday 22nd March by visiting the website. Further information will be shown on the front page of our website in due course

Church Office news

It is a real pleasure to announce that Susan Clarke has been appointed to be our new Office Admin Assistant starting at the end of the month. Susan and her husband Matt will be very well known to the Church family having grown up within the church and having served in young people's ministry and in various music groups. They are currently involved at StNicholas@LadyBoswell's. This appointment also now enables Lis Lidbetter to commence her new role as Rector's PA. Please continue to pray for all the office staff as they support the ministry of God's word week by week.

Book news | Laura Wickham

Congratulations to Laura Wickham on the publication of two books for children recently published by The Good Book Company. Under the overall title 'Do great things for God' she has written a book on 'Corrie ten Boom: The courageous woman and the secret room' and another on 'Betsey Stockton: The girl with a missionary dream'. The Good Book Co indicate that they can be read to young children aged 4-5 and read by children aged 6 plus. They are released 1st April. You will be able to purchase them [through the bookshop](#).

Finally, a song and a prayer

The song is '[It was finished upon that Cross](#)' which has just been released by CityAlight

The prayer is a Collect written by the Church Society for the National Day of Reflection on 23rd March 2021:

*Heavenly Father,
our ever-present help in trouble, our fortress and our God:
calm the anxious fears of all who turn to you;
give strength and healing to those who are sick,
and courage and skill to those who care for them;
grant wisdom and clarity to those in authority;
and humble us all to call upon you
that we may be saved not only in this life,
but also for that which is to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Warmly in Christ,

Angus MacLeay



St Nicholas Church

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Click here	To read our COVID-safe procedures
Click here	To access all our online Services
Click here	Zoom coffee for 9.15am congregation
Click here	Zoom coffee for 10am at Lady Boswell's congregation
Click here	Zoom coffee for 11am congregation
Click here	To reserve a seat for the Lady Boswell's Service
Click here	To order Laura Wickham's books from the Bookshop
Click here	To listen to the song 'It was finished upon that cross' by CityAlight

Reach

Nurture

Equip

Send

To know Jesus and make Him known locally and globally