



Letter #71 Church Family email 13/05/2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

'And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church' [Ephesians 1:22]

Today is Ascension Day. Some of us will be gathering in the St Nicholas Church building at 12.30pm and, if you receive this in time, you will be welcome to join us. Falling on a Thursday, the Ascension of Christ is often neglected. We rightly focus on the resurrection, but whereas the resurrection proclaims that 'Jesus lives!' the Ascension declares that 'Jesus reigns!'. Our confidence may be low as we consider what can be seen all around us – a society exhausted by Covid. Many of us may feel weary and burdened. Yet, the Ascension builds our confidence with the reminder that Jesus is always on the throne. Well may we sing along with the YouTube clip below, 'Behold our God, seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him!'.

Sunday 16th May 2021

Services continue 'in person' and on livestream. To attend, please reserve a seat noting that you will receive an email confirmation as a sign that you have followed the instructions correctly! Online access (and Zoom Coffee events) can be found [here, together with our Covid-safe procedures](#).

Service times are as follows:

- **8am Holy Communion at St Nicholas [no livestream]**
- **St Nicholas @ 9.15am – in person [[booking required here](#)] & livestream**
- **St Nicholas @ Lady Boswell's – there will be two services at Lady Boswell's**
 - one at 9.30am [with livestream] [[booking required here](#)]
 - and one at 11am [[booking required here](#)]
- **St Nicholas @ 11am – in person [[booking required here](#)] & livestream**
- **St Nicholas @ 6:30pm – in person [[booking required here](#)] & livestream**

Congregational singing will take place in the St Nicholas churchyard before the 9.15 service (8:55am), in the car park after the 11am service and between the two services at Lady Boswell's at 10:30am.

Prayer focus

Reach

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Equip

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To know Jesus and make Him known locally and globally



1. Please give thanks for all those confirmed last week and for the ministry of Bishop Rod Thomas.
2. Please pray for God's word to make an impact on our lives on Sunday: Gavin is preaching on 1 Corinthians 15; Matt is preaching on Exodus 2, whilst at Lady Boswell's and the evening service I am preaching on Hebrews 11.
3. Please pray for our Churchwardens, Justin Greig and Chris Brindley, giving thanks for all that they have done over the last 7 months since the last Annual Meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting | 8pm Tuesday 18th May 2021

The APCM will be held using the Zoom webinar format to ensure as many as possible can access this meeting. Nomination forms can be downloaded by clicking on the link: [Nomination to the PCC](#) and [Nomination for Churchwarden](#) or hard copies are available from the church office.

Please join me as we review, plan and pray for the Lord's blessing to be experienced in the coming 12 months. The Annual Report, which contains many short reports of church life over the last year, [can be accessed here](#).

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89697550959?pwd=VjVVFQ1JLeFFURXITU3Y1Zk9nTVpUUT09>

Meeting ID 896 9755 0959 | Passcode: 088711

Or by Telephone on 0208 080 6592 | Webinar ID: 896 9755 0959 | Passcode: 088711

Finally, a song and a prayer

The song is a wonderful choral version of '[Behold our God](#)'

The prayer is the Collect for Ascension Day:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; 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