



Letter #73 Church Family email 27/05/2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“I have made you¹ known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.” [John 17:26]

The Trinity is often considered to be a fairly remote academic subject best avoided. Nothing could be further from the truth! Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the one God have always existed together in relations of love for each other. It is that love which has then spilled over into the Church and which we experience when we come to know Christ. As John 17:26 says, the love that the Father has for the Son is to be experienced by each believer. There are depths of love here which we cannot fathom but it highlights that only in a fully trinitarian vision of God – Father, Son and Spirit – can we affirm that God is love. What an awesome thing it is for us to consider on this Trinity Sunday that the Father loves us as much as His own Son!

Sunday 30th 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 – one service at 10am [with livestream] [[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 in the car park at 8:55am before the 9.15 service, after the 11am service and between the two services at Lady Boswell’s at 10:30am.

Prayer focus

1. Please pray for all those from St Nicholas serving in various foodbanks in and around Sevenoaks and Dunton Green. Though the lockdown restrictions are easing there are so many practical needs. Give thanks for those serving sacrificially within our community.



2. Please pray for the continuing ministry of God's word. Gavin is preaching on Psalm 34; Matt is preaching on Exodus 3, whilst at Lady Boswell's and the evening service John Khnana is starting a short series on Romans 8. Pray that God's voice would be heard.
3. Please pray for Gavin as he starts his sabbatical at the start of June and also for Cara as she returns to work in a phased way over these coming months.

Monthly Prayer Gathering | Tuesday 1 June 2021 at 8pm

Currently we are alternating praying as a whole church family and praying within our congregations. This month we will be gathering as a whole church family on Tuesday evening. Please join us – [the link to the prayer gathering and to download the prayer diary are on the website.](#)

'Brave by Faith' | Alistair Begg (Good Book Co 2021)

The strap line is 'God-sized confidence in a post-Christian world'. In seven short, accessible chapters Alistair Begg takes us through familiar territory in Daniel 1-7 and helps us to see how relevant they are to our current moral and political climate. The stated aim is not so much for us to be like Daniel, but to renew our trust in Daniel's God. I found it to be a really clear and stimulating read. [Order a copy from Peter in the bookroom here.](#)

Finally, a song and a prayer

The song for Trinity is [Holy, Holy, Holy \(We Bow Before Thee\)](#) by Shane & Shane .

The prayer is the Collect for Trinity Sunday:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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