

Letter #81 Church Family email 16/09/2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*"Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." (Psalm 62:8)*

Each day I use the M'Cheyne Bible reading plan which helpfully takes you through the Bible in a year, including the New Testament and Psalms twice. I commend it to you as a great way to regularly be feeding on God's word to be nourished and strengthened. As I write these words, I have been reading Psalm 62. There's plenty in the Psalm to remind us that the LORD is our Rock to give us stability in difficult days, but my attention was caught by the response that David is looking for. Can our prayer be described as 'pouring out our hearts to Him'? **Let's pray that the Lord would so stir us up in renewed devotion to Christ that both individually and corporately there would be evidence of us 'pouring out our hearts to Him' in confession and lament, in thanksgiving and adoration, in supplication and prayer.**

Congratulations!

Matt and Sally Taylor have had a little boy, Phinehas (to be known as Phin) Hugh Taylor, 7lbs, born 10.21pm Tuesday 14th September 2021, a brother for Lily. Matt tells us that both Sally and Phin are doing well. **Give thanks to the Lord for Phin's safe arrival and pray for the family in these early days.**

This Sunday at St Nicholas

Thank you so much for continuing to wear face coverings for the duration of our services which is much appreciated. The livestreaming is continuing for those who are currently unable to return to our corporate gatherings. **Please pray this Sunday for the Lord to speak to our hearts and that each of us would encounter the Lord Jesus – Gavin is preaching on Revelation 22:1-6 at both 9.15am and 11am whilst I am preaching on Matthew 11:25-30 at Lady Boswell's and the 6.30pm service.**

We urgently need more children's leaders and helpers at all our morning services – please pray! For more information, please speak to Cara or Hannah.

Afghan refugees

You have responded with great generosity to the appeal for assistance for Afghani refugees and almost £12,000 has been raised which the wardens will distribute to the various causes highlighted [here](#). Donations can still be made as per the details on the info sheet.

Campaigners

Campaigners has resumed with meetings in person. Albert and Elizabeth Wood have done a wonderful job over the last 18 months sustaining the ministry online and running camps over the summer, but they could do with some assistance now that regular meetings have begun. If you are interested in helping or would like to find out a bit more about Campaigners and what they do then please [contact Albert and Elizabeth](#). **Please pray that this ministry would enable many young people to discover 'life in all its fullness'.**

Gavin and Janet McGrath

Gavin's last Sunday as Associate Rector will be Sunday 26th September 2021. I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing Gavin and Janet every blessing for their retirement so please [click this link](#) to sign a farewell card and if you wish to contribute to a leaving

present, please send your gift to St Nicholas PCC General Fund Transactions Account, Sort Code 60-19-02 / Account number 23242469, reference GJMgift (signatures and contributions by Friday 24th September please). **Please join us after a shortened evening service at 7.15pm Sunday 26th September for our farewell and please pray for Gavin and Janet concerning their future that they would know the Lord's provision.**

Interview with Dee Larcombe and Christianity Explored

Each term we seek to provide opportunities for people to explore the Christian faith. On Monday 27th September at 8pm in St Nicholas Church, and also [livestreamed](#), John Khnana and Andrea Trevenna will be interviewing Dee Larcombe about the impact following Jesus has made in her life.

The following Monday 4th October 2021 we start Christianity Explored online at 8pm. To register yourself and/or a friend visit the website [here](#) and **please pray that many would encounter the Lord Jesus in these uncertain days.**

London City Mission Harvest Appeal – Sunday 3rd October 2021

Our Harvest Sunday falls on 3rd October 2021 and, as in previous years, we would love to provide practical support and assistance for the ministry amongst the homeless at Webber Street run by London City Mission. It is simplest for LCM to handle if we are able to provide financial assistance rather than consumables. If you are able to assist, LCM will be setting up a St Nicholas Donations Page on their website and the details will be in next week's news sheet. **Please pray especially for Mark Harding in his role as Chairman of LCM.**

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child Sunday 17th October 2021

Over many years we have organised the Operation Christmas Child, often known as the 'Shoebox Appeal'. We need someone to be willing to coordinate the appeal. If you could assist, please get in touch with the Church Office – we would be delighted to hear from you!

Finally, a song and a prayer

The song this week is by Keith & Kristyn Getty - [The Lord Is My Salvation](#).

The prayer is the Collect for this week, the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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