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Dear friends in Christ,

Some things we know, some things we don't know. We don't know the course of events as the world tries to deal with the infection rate. We don't know the economic, mental health, or social impacts of governments' decisions. And, of course, we don't know (completely) what any one month, week, or day will bring about in our own lives.

But there's at least one thing we can know with certainty.

As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2: 4- 5

Our Saviour is precious to the Father; so, in him, we are loved and esteemed. This gives us an ongoing acceptance and unshakeable security – no matter what else in life transpires. And, in the midst of everything life brings to us, we have both an identity and purpose. Whose we are leads to who we are and who we are brings about what we do: a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. So, while there are many things we don't know, we do know our prayers, our acts of service, our grace-enabled obedience, our witnessing to others, and our worship and praise are not in vain – they're all (yes, imperfect) acceptable! And all of this impacts the shape of the next few days (at least):

Joining us on Sunday online:

- St Nicholas Sunday morning livestream – at **9am**
- Grace Church/4OC morning livestream – at **10am**
- St Nicholas Sunday evening Zoom service – at **6:30pm**

To access all our Sunday services, [go to the church website](#).

Joining us at St Nicholas Church building at 9am and 11am:

For more details of our two morning services and how we comply with Covid-19 guidance, [go to the church website](#).

Do pray, especially, for the baptism of Lilly Taylor at the 11am service and for Matt and Sally.

Reach

Nurture

Equip

Send

To know Jesus and make Him known locally and globally



Care for Creation Half Term Family Challenge

The Creation Care Team have created a fun challenge to do together as families over Half Term, [follow this link for more information.](#)

Save the date: Tearfund ‘Big Quiz Night Out’ 6:30pm on Saturday 14 November on Zoom. More details to follow.

Samaritan’s Purse: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

For many years we have supported the Shoebox Appeal which enables us to share the compassion of Christ with children in need throughout the world. Given all the obvious concerns about handling shoeboxes and bringing them into the building, this year we want to encourage as many of us as possible to purchase an online shoebox with contents! It is a simple and safe way of supporting this ministry and enabling children in great need to know the love of Christ. [Click here for details on how to organise an online Christmas Shoebox.](#)

Knowing Life

Continue to pray and use the *Knowing Life* course. It is a series of short videos which examine different aspects of the theme of ‘Life’ from John’s Gospel. Each week a video is released at 8pm Monday and all released are available on our [YouTube Channel.](#)

Finally...

Former U.S. Secretary of Defence, Donald Rumsfeld once, bewilderingly, said in a press conference: “Reports that say that something hasn't happened are always interesting to me, because as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say, we know there are some things we do not know.” Who knows what he was saying! But this you and I can know: in Christ, this week, we are accepted unconditionally; we have an identity and we have a purpose. Of this we may be certain, even in a time of considerable uncertainty.

Warmly,

Gavin

Gavin McGrath
Associate Rector

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Click here	For information about the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal
Click here	For the ‘ <i>Knowing Life</i> ’ course videos