

In line with government restrictions, the church office will not be open to visitors during the week except on a Thursday between 10am and 2pm. Telephone calls and emails will still be answered. Until all retail can reopen on 12 April, The bookshop will also be closed but books and Bible reading notes can be ordered from Peter (bookroom@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org) who will advise on delivery / collection options. **The church will be open for private prayer on a Thursday from 10am-2pm with access via the church office.**

Creation Care Lent Challenge: Go vegetarian each Sunday in Lent!

Creation Care Prayers: 9.15 am Wednesday 10 March. If you would like to join us to pray for God's creation, particularly in this year leading up to the climate change convention in Glasgow in the autumn, please contact Paul Williams (01732 459129).

Marriage Course: Wednesday evenings running via Zoom with Alan & Margaret Bowen - April 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19, 26; for any married couple. A short video about the Course is available [here](#). To sign up for the Course please complete the Registration Form [here](#) and email the Form to Alan at alanljbowen@btinternet.com

Vine Talk is continuing to meet via Zoom on Friday mornings from 10-11am to provide informal, friendly one to one conversation practice and reach out to people living in the town for whom English is not their first language. Please make Vine Talk known to anyone who might benefit from our ministry. Details can be found on our [website](#).

The **Loaves and Fishes Food Bank** at St John's Church, Quakers Hall Lane, is open to receive donations of food and toiletries 11:30am-12:30pm on Thursdays. Please take donations there directly. Continued gifts are very much appreciated at this difficult time.

Our [website](#), our private [Facebook page](#) for St Nicholas Congregations and our [YouTube Channel](#) will help you stay up to date. Regular church family updates from Angus are distributed via email and made available on the St Nicholas website.

VERSE for 2021:

"Fixing our eyes on Jesus." Hebrews 12:2 (NIVUK)

Safeguarding: St Nicholas Church is determined to ensure a safe church culture for all. Abuse of any kind – child abuse, domestic violence, spiritual abuse, and bullying – will not be tolerated. There are people to help you: NSPCC Hotline 0808 800 5000 or Childline 0800 1111. The Diocese of Rochester Safeguarding Officer 01634 560000. Domestic Abuse Volunteer Support Services 01892 570538. Gavin McGrath is our Parish Safeguarding Officer and Ros Collett is Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

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St Nicholas Church
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Sunday 7th March 2021
The Third Sunday of Lent

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9.15am St Nics @ 9.15: Livestreamed on YouTube - Gavin McGrath, Isaiah 40:12-20
10am St Nics @ Lady B's: Livestreamed on YouTube - Angus MacLeay, 2 Kings 4
11am St Nics @ 11: Livestreamed on YouTube - Matt Taylor, Galatians 4:8-5:1
6.30pm Toolbox - see below

Toolbox: Sunday 7 March 2021 - 6.30pm on Zoom – see website for links
Covid, Climate and the Church

Covid and Climate: two of the biggest challenges facing the world and the church today. What can we learn and how can we respond? *Ruth Valerio Canon Theologian, Rochester Cathedral; Global Advocacy and Influencing Director, Tearfund.*

In-Person services: We are planning on returning to in-person, morning services from next Sunday, **14 March**, at both the church and Lady Boswell's School. We look forward to gathering physically once again as the St Nicholas church family – albeit still following appropriate restrictions.

Please note:

- Arrive in good time for the service
- Use the check-in App or sign in on the list
- Sanitise your hands on arrival
- Observe social distancing at 2m (no mingling/chatting in the building or in the car park)
- Sit where directed by the stewards
- Follow the one-way signage
- There will not be any singing at the service, no children's groups, and refreshments cannot be served.

All welcome – we look forward to seeing you. The services will also continue to be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Pray for:

Zack Bickley
Joy Chattell (Christopher's mother)
Elizabeth Shade
Cara Smith
Edward, Yuko and Megumi Waite

Prayer Highlights

Pray for:

- the Toolbox seminar *Covid, Climate and the Church*, for Ruth Valerio as she speaks and that this Toolbox will help us be biblically informed about how we respond.
- Staff and pupils as children return to school this week, for wisdom and protection.

Congratulations to Jon & Debs Drury on the birth of their baby boy on Thursday - Callum Hudson (9lbs 13oz) a brother for Talia.

Our Vision: To know Jesus and make him known locally and globally...so we prayerfully and lovingly proclaim Him in order to ... Reach, Nurture, Equip and Send ... for His Glory.