

Welcome back to church!

Here are some guidelines to help us love and care for each other today.

Masks: please wear your mask at all times inside the building, but feel free to smile with your eyes!

Mingling: please remain 2 metres away from those not in your support bubble while on school property, and avoid socialising inside the building. You are, of course, encouraged to socialise in a group of six or with one other household outside the building. **Please ensure you keep your children with you.**

Children's packs and Bibles: You can pick these up from the table as you enter. Take your sheets home with you, and leave everything else on your seat.

Toilets: Please only use the three toilets in the foyer.

Exiting: Please exit as directed by the service leader, and please wait for your row number to appear before leaving.

We are so glad to have you back, and have been praying that you would both be an encouragement and be encouraged by gathering together today.



St Nicholas Church
SEVENOAKS

Sunday 11th April 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 11th April 2021: Our morning services will be in the building (church and Lady Boswell's) and Livestreamed on YouTube. To reserve a seat, please visit our website.

9.15am StNics@9.15: Gavin McGrath, Luke 24: 13-35

9.30am StNics@Lady B's: John Khnana, Acts 2:14-24

11am StNics@11: Matt Taylor, Psalm 16

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6.30pm Zoom evening service: Simon Heather, 1 Peter 2:11,12

In-Person services: We are delighted to be gathering physically once again as the St Nicholas church family, following appropriate restrictions. A full list of restrictions can be found on our website: <https://www.stnicholas-sevenoaks.org/sunday-services>

Don't forget to reserve your seat for next Sunday.

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll is currently underway. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is at 8pm on Tuesday 18 May. To take an active part in this meeting you need to be on the Electoral Roll (forms available from the church office) - qualification is either residence in the Parish or regular attendance at St Nicholas for at least 6 months. Forms need to be returned by **Sunday 25 April**. You should have received an email or letter about this but, if not, please contact the church office.



A new Hope Explored course will be running on Mondays from 19 April. Hope Explored is a new Monday night mini-series looking at the Hope, Peace and Purpose Jesus offers. Along with others you'll watch a short film and look at the eyewitness accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. You can ask a load of questions or none at all...there's no pressure either way! The first episode will "kick off" on Monday the 19th of April as we meet ex-football hooligan Mark Alleway. Please check out our website for more information and how to register.

Pray for:

Migs Coulson
Elizabeth Shade
Kenny Martin-Walden

Prayer Highlights

Pray for

- The upcoming Hope Explored mini series, for a good number to attend, seeking to know more about Jesus.
- Opportunities for personal witness as more lockdown restrictions are eased.
- Refreshment and reinvigoration for all those who work in education as they prepare for the summer term

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.

Are your contact details up to date? Please check / update your contact details on MyChurchSuite so that we can keep in touch, especially as lockdown eases. If we do not yet have your details, they can be provided here: <https://www.stnicholas-sevenoaks.org/welcome> or by scanning here.



The **bookroom** will re-open on Tuesday 13th April . Normal hours will be Tues, Wed & Thursday, 10am - 2pm.

The **church office** will re-open on Monday 12th April. 9.15am - 2pm Monday - Friday.

Creation Care Prayers: 9.15 am Wednesday 14 April: 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

Hong Kong Ready Churches initiative: you many be aware of many people arriving in the UK from Hong Kong at present. There is in some cases a need for emergency accommodation. If you might be interested in offering accommodation, please contact Einir at hosting@upbeatcommunities.org Further information about the Hong Kong Ready churches initiative can be found at ukhk.org

Prince Philip - following the death of prince Philip on Friday, the Church of England has set up an online Book of Condolence which you can access here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

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.

1. **In Christ alone my hope is found,**
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied –
for every sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought by the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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1. **Here is love vast as the ocean,**
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of Life, our ransom,
shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heaven's eternal day

2. On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above;
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Words -: William Rees