

The world is hungry for hope. Real hope that doesn't disappoint. The Christian faith claims to offer: a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about my present. Sound too good to be true? Whatever you do or don't believe, **HOPE EXPLORED** is your opportunity to explore, to discuss, to question, to discover. Running in January on Monday nights at 8pm.

Mon 11th – Welcome and interview with Jeremy Marshall.

Mon 18th – Session 1, HOPE.

Mon 25th – Session 2, PEACE.

Mon 1st (Feb) – Session 3, PURPOSE.

Please register yourself, family and friends via the St Nicholas website so we can send you a Zoom invitation.



Rooted (for all of student age) **catch-up/study pray together 8pm Thursday 17 December on Zoom.** Contact Simon Heather for more information and Zoom link.

Women's Christmas biscuit decorating - we'd love to help you host an evangelistic event in your home or via Zoom, so that your friends and family can hear about the hope of Christmas. We will provide suggestions for hosting, ideas for biscuit decorating, and a short gospel talk on YouTube, and the event can be run at any time in December. For more information or to host an event, email hannah.blake@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org

A St Nicholas Church recording of O Little Town Of Bethlehem will be included in the BBC Radio Kent Carol Service, for broadcast at 5pm on Christmas Eve and repeated on Christmas Day at 1pm. The service will be available for a further 30 days on BBC Sounds following the broadcast.

Creation Care church family winter challenge. Make a simple bird feeder and send us your photos of birds spotted for the website! p_hwilliams@hotmail.com

It was wonderful to see so many join the Tearfund Quiz on Sat 14 Nov. Thanks to everyone who joined in! Over 100 people participated in 28 teams, raising £2,200 - with congratulations to "Quizzly Bears" as the winning team. If you would still like to donate, you can do so via our JustGiving page. Many of our children also drew lovely pictures of "Tearfund Superheroes" which will be shared with Tearfund - if you haven't yet done so, please email your child's drawing to Martin Laing.

Link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tearfund-quiz-stnicholas-church>

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 0800 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
SEVENOAKS

**Sunday 13th December
2020 - Third Sunday of
Advent**

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9/11am In person Services at St Nicholas - 9am will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#) - Angus MacLeay, Hebrews 2:10-13

9:30/11am In person St Nicholas at Lady Boswell's services: 9:30 will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#) - John Khnana, Luke 2:8-20

6:30pm [Zoom](#) evening service - Jamie Read, Isaiah 35:1-10

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.

Christmas Services and events: details are now on the website. We will have limited seating availability at both St Nicholas and Lady Boswell's so please make friends and neighbours aware of our booking system which will go live on Monday 14th December for the "ticketed" services 20th - 27th

Sunday 20 December @ 6:30pm at St Nicholas* - 'Festival of lessons & carols'

Christmas Eve @ 2:30pm* & 4pm at St Nicholas

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion @ 11:15pm at St Nicholas

Christmas Day @ 10am at St Nicholas* and at Lady Boswell's*

Sunday 27 December @ 10am at St Nicholas* and at Lady Boswell's *

** all these services will be live streamed on our YouTube channels*

The church office will be open in December. Usual hours between 9:30am and 2:30pm. The bookshop will also be open from 10am to 2pm for all your Bible reading notes and Christmas cards and gifts.

Pray for:

Lisa (Jim & Dora Plant's daughter)

Tony Cantrell

Alan & Lynne Marsh

Esme Quinn

Heather Taylor

Lin Weymouth

Andrea Trevenna

Hazell Maunsell

Prayer Highlights

Please pray:

- for our young people and particularly for students returning to Sevenoaks for Christmas.
- for school teachers and pupils to finish the term well and for good rest over the Christmas break.

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.