



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. 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.**

In-Person services: Following on from the latest government guidance and in light of the falling COVID numbers in and around Sevenoaks, we are planning on returning to in-person, morning services from Sunday 14 March at both the church and Lady Boswell’s school. More details will follow in Angus’ weekly letters leading up to this date. We look forward to gathering physically once again as the St Nicholas church family – albeit still following the appropriate restrictions.

Lent for Families: If you would like more information or want to join in with the **Prayer Rocks walk** or the **Meals With Jesus family Bible times**, please email Hannah Blake on hannah.blake@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org

Friday 5 March: World Day of Prayer service 2021 “Build on a Strong Foundation” prepared by the women of Vanuatu. There will be no service in church this year because of the pandemic, but the WDP office has put a list on their website of services that are being live streamed or are on YouTube. If you would like to join one of these services, please go to wwdp.org.uk and follow the link from there to “virtual services”.

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).

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](#).

Baby congratulations to Roy & Naomi Nicholls on the safe arrival of Phoebe Elizabeth Clara on 24th February, a sister for George.

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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Sunday 28th February 2021

- 9:15am St Nic’s @ 9.15: Livestreamed on [YouTube](#) - Gavin McGrath, Isaiah 40:6-11
- 10am St Nic’s @ Lady B’s: Livestreamed on [YouTube](#) - Angus MacLeay, 2 Kings 3
- 11am St Nic’s @ 11: Livestreamed on [YouTube](#) - Matt Taylor, Galatians 3:1-4:7
- 6:30pm Toolbox - see below

Congregational Prayer Gatherings Tuesday 2nd March 8pm on Zoom. Separate Zoom link for each congregation (St Nic’s @ 9.15, @ Lady B’s, @ 11am and @ 6.30) on our website.

Toolbox 28 February & 7 March 2021 - 6.30pm on Zoom – see website for links

Sunday 28 February: How do I share my faith?

This session is for those who know the gospel and want to share it, but are held back by fears of weakness or inadequacy. Assistant Minister John Khnana will be interviewing Rebecca Manley Pippert, bestselling author of *Out of the Saltshaker* to help us think afresh about sharing our faith.

Sunday 7 March: 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.

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)

Pray for:

- Zack Bickley
- Elizabeth Shade
- Cara Smith
- Maureen Taylor
- Edward, Yuko and Megumi Waite

Prayer Highlights

Pray for:

- the Toolbox seminar this evening and for John Khnana and Rebecca Manley Pippert.
- the Prayer Rocks walk and the Meals With Jesus Bible times for families in Lent.
- the World Day of Prayer on Friday and the women of Vanuatu.

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2 Kings 3

1. What happens when God's word is side-lined? (1-10)

2. ... so what do you need to do? (11-14)

3. What happens when you consult God's word? (15-25)

4. ... so what do you need to learn? (26,27)