

Why do we need Bishops? What are Gafcon, AMiE and all the other acronyms that church leaders seem so excited about, but which mean so little to the average disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ?

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The Gift of Giving

(25th February) **Revd Matt Taylor**

How should a Church that excels in faith, word, knowledge and keenness prove it is genuine to the watching world? Paul's answer to the Corinthian church is in their financial giving. We will be digging deep into 2 Corinthians 8-9 and listening to what Paul had to say to the Corinthians, and then applying this to our lives in Sevenoaks.

As Curate, Matt is involved in the regular teaching of the Bible at St Nicholas. Matt is married to Sally, and together they are seeking to steward that which God has given them for His glory.

Depression – speaking words of hope and help

(4th March) **Helen Thorne**

About one in ten of us will be diagnosed with depression. Many more will know what it is to feel down over long periods of time. For the person struggling and the people standing alongside, the experience can feel without hope. But there is always something biblical and something practical we can do to encourage those who are suffering. Come along and discover more about the complex causes of depression and the difference that gospel-centred care can make. Helen Thorne is the Director of Training and Mentoring at London City Mission, a trustee of Biblical Counselling UK and author of a range of books on aspects of pastoral care. She attends Dundonald Church in Wimbledon where she is involved in counselling and international ministry.

'Tails I lose!'

(4th March) **Justyn Rees Larcombe (Recoverytwo)**

A little flutter. Harmless fun. A sociable and often glamorous way to try your luck. This is how gambling is frequently portrayed in television and social media advertising. Almost three quarters of all adults in the UK have gambled at some point in the last year, but just under 1 per cent of them are compulsive gamblers – but that 'tiny percentage' represents 500,000 people whose lives are controlled and often devastated by this addiction, not to mention the wider knock on effect on their family, friends and colleagues. Justyn Rees Larcombe was one of those 1%.

Today Justyn Rees Larcombe is a trained money adviser and a debt advice volunteer and has a rising profile in the media, talking about the dangers of gambling and offering support and advice to those coping with gambling addiction.

Scripture Union in the 21st Century – Reaching the 95

(4th March) **Penny Boshoff (Scripture Union)**

Scripture Union has recently celebrated 150 years of helping children and young people discover the joy of knowing Jesus Christ and living life with him. Come along to find out how Scripture Union's pioneering evangelistic work is continuing in the 21st Century to reach the 95% of children in England and Wales who have no connection with church. Discover how you can play your part in reaching the 95.



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Toolbox

Living out the Gospel

What is the aim of Toolbox?

The issues of living out the Christian faith day by day are important in our life together as a community. Our Vision Statement refers to the importance of equipping us to live for Christ in the world and our various Toolbox seminars seek to help us to do that. In Toolbox we will seek to help each other grow in our understanding of the gospel and its practical implications.

Who can come to Toolbox?

Everyone at St Nicholas is encouraged to make use of *Toolbox*, including Contact.

When is Toolbox?

Toolbox will take place on **Sunday 18th, 25th February and 4th March** at St Nicholas. Seminars will start promptly at 6.30pm and end at 8.30pm. There will be a break for coffee half way through which will be a chance to catch up with others and hear what they are learning in different modules.

How can I join Toolbox?

Please complete the registration form on the back of this page, detach and return the form via the offertory boxes in St. Nicholas, or the information tables at Grace Church and 4 O'Clock or direct to the Church Office.

The booking deadline is **Sunday 11th February 2018.**

Toolbox

Registration Form

Please tick one module for each week you would like to attend over the three Sundays.

Please return the form via the offertory boxes, information tables or direct to the Church Office by **Sunday 11th February 2018**.

Name:

Email:

Telephone:

Modules offered	18 Feb	25 Feb	4 Mar
What can we learn from the persecution of the prophets and what's happening today? <i>Philip James, Release International</i>			
Pastoral Care in the Local Church <i>Revd Dr Gavin McGrath</i>			
Flourishing at work for Christ <i>Steve & Emma Osei-Mensah</i>			
Reading the Bible with Children <i>Cara Smith</i>			
Anglicanism, Bishops, Gafcon, AMiE... Why bother? <i>Bishop Andy Lines</i>			
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Toolbox Modules

What can we learn from the persecution of the prophets and what's happening today?

(18th February) **Philip James (Church Commissioners and Archbishops' Council) & Asif Mall (Release International)**

Throughout the world today many Christians face terrifying persecution from political and religious powers. What does the Bible teach us about such persecution? Is the Triune God bothered by the suffering of His people? Is He in control of what is happening to His Church – and its enemies? This Toolbox session will start with a study from the Scriptures, as Philip James looks at some examples of the suffering of the Old Testament prophets. Afterwards, Asif Mall will talk about the work of Release International which serves Christians who are experiencing persecution across the globe.

Pastoral care in the local Church

(18th February) **Revd Dr Gavin McGrath**

This session raises both the importance and practicalities of pastoral care in the local church. We will examine both the opportunities as well as challenges of caring for one another in the local church.

Flourishing at Work for Christ

(18th & 25th February) **Steve & Emma Osei-Mensah**

Most of us spend a significant part of our lives at work whether paid or unpaid. Wherever God has called us, how can we flourish at it for him? We will look at why work matters and how we can flourish at work using inputs from the "Transforming work" series that the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) has produced. Please feel free to come to both sessions (recommended) or just one, (they are both different) but there is a helpful app (phone / IPAD and PC) that will catch you up on the series even if you can only make one of the sessions! It promises to be interactive, informative and fun!

Emma is a Speech and Language therapist working in Kent and Steve is a business and HR consultant and Non-Executive Director to three charities.

Reading the Bible with Children

(18th & 25th February) **Cara Smith**

Whether you've been doing this for many years or the idea has frozen you to inaction, this will be a chance for us to discuss this important topic together. We'll think about why we would bother to add something into family life that is already busy and hectic. And we'll share ideas and resources of how we can be better at reading the Bible with children and making God's Word the centre of family life.

Anglicanism, Bishops, Gafcon, AMiE... Why bother?

(25th February) **Bishop Andy Lines (Crosslinks)**

"The visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers in which the pure Word of God is preached and in which the sacraments are rightly administered..." (Article XIX of the 39 Articles). If that is true, why do we bother with denominations like the Church of England?