



Dear all,

How good are you at persevering when life is challenging? I think we have all gained First Class Degrees in facing challenging circumstances this year, and they continue with no end in sight...yet!! Yes, we live with the hope that a vaccine will be found in due course, but until then we need to keep persevering and doing all we can to support and encourage each other.

This Sunday, Ray Porter will lead us through the short letter of Jude which contains a call to Christians to persevere. On this occasion outright persecution was not the problem but rather people seeking to undermine and distort the truth of God's grace – a grace freely given – a grace that calls us to live our lives, following God's ways and not the ways of the world. How do we do this? By praying and keeping ourselves in God's love.

At this time of great uncertainty, we need to ensure we stay close to God, enveloped in His great love and assured that He is always faithful and will never leave us or forsake us. As Jude finishes his letter:

*To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God, our Saviour, be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore. AMEN!*

#### **Church News:**

- **Groundforce**

Following on from our series on Creation Care, there is an opportunity to help prepare the churchyard for Winter tomorrow Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-12noon. Do join us – Bacon rolls supplied! Click here to [book your place.](#)

- **Families Event - Save the date!**

To all families - please keep **Sunday 15 Nov at 3.30pm** free in your diaries. We are planning the first of a series of special socially distanced Family Events in Church (Messy Church style). Each family will be in a bubble around the church - tickets will be limited. Watch out for more information coming soon.

- **Weekday Ministry Developments**

Do join us for our midweek Communion Service on Wednesdays at 9am. This service lasts for around 45 minutes and is held in the Church. To book your tickets, [please click here.](#)

- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October Service**

To book your place at this Sunday's service, [please click here.](#)

Under Gaal's Guidance,

Tim

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