

Church Without Walls

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Community Connectors is a group made up of representatives from the various faith and non-faith groups in our parish. The group was originally set up to address the

issue of loneliness and social isolation by supporting ideas and new initiatives from people living in the community.

Community Connectors has responded to the current crisis by asking local residents to partner with their neighbours and deliver a card to houses in their street offering help for people who are self-isolating. Some of the St Stephen's Church family have been involved in joining in with this network of volunteers. There has been an amazing response and all our streets received cards and have nominated volunteers and this has resulted in a number of food deliveries being arranged. Over the last few days there has been another leaflet drop across the whole parish with information about to get help with things like paying your mortgage or utility bills as well as information about the Friday Food Market which Andy and Mike run. We thank God for this opportunity to partner with other groups at this time.

Email Dave for a zoom invitation to comply at 8pm Monday-Thursday
vicardave@ststephenspreston.org.uk



Spring Harvest

This week Spring Harvest has been happening online.



If you didn't manage to catch any of the sessions live you can watch them on Youtube [here](#).

Our own Bishop Jill was speaking on Monday evening; if you missed this, why not watch it [here](#) (with BSL interpretation)



We are worshipping together every Sunday at 10.30am

Click here to join us on our YouTube channel

30 days of Prayer for the Muslim World

Join the international call to Christians to pray for our Muslim neighbours during Ramadan.

Click [here](#) to find out more



Ramadan will begin later this month and last for 30 days. Muslims around the world will fast during this time, from the moment when it

first starts to get light until sunset. They fast as an act of faith and worship towards God, seeking to



suppress their desires and increase their spiritual piety.

We have 30 booklets which will help guide our

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prayers during this time. If you would like one posted out to you please [contact Alison](#).

Those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.

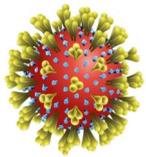
They will soar on
wings like eagles; they will run and not grow
weary, they will walk and not be faint

Isaiah 40:31

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The Coronavirus has put us all on a steep learning curve, so please bear with us as we try to get things just right.

We have made some changes to our website. On our giving page (under the Church Life menu) you can now give by card either to the general church fund, to Alice's fundraising fund for a Pulse Guard, or to our discretionary fund, which we will now be opening up again so that we are able to assist those affected by the Coronavirus crisis.

Copies of this news sheet will also be posted on the website, so if you've missed any, or want to read one again, just head over there and take a look.

Do make use of our website, and also our Facebook page (have you liked it yet?) We are hoping that the prayers and messages posted on Facebook will be an encouragement to us all; and also to others outside our church family - do share the posts that you think will be helpful to your friends.



*Cast all your anxiety on him
because he cares for you*

1 Pet 5:7

Nahum *Genesis* *Colossia*
Titus *Micah*

There are names of sixteen (16) books of the bible hidden in the paragraph in blue below. Let's see how many you can find. A preacher found 15 books in twenty minutes; it took him 3 weeks just to find the 16th one, HAVE FUN!

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. A certain Luke kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not all capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a job. We want it to be a most fascinating little moment for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes the preacher to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how you will compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph.

See if you can find them all—answers next week

Nahum *Romans* *Jude*
Ezra *Jos*

"The Preston Churches in Prayer"



Livestreaming from
7.30am each Tuesday morning
(1 hour) at www.crossgate.church

Log on at 7.30am and join us or see
and pray along with a
recording at any time.

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