

Church Without Walls

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Sunday Morning YouTube Services

We really do hope that families are able to watch the services together. We plan to include in each service at least one item that the children can join in with. It may be a quiz, a song or a story. In addition, there will be an activity sheet which is sent out with this weekly update as an attachment to the email. It would be a good idea if parents could print this beforehand so that they can give it to their children at the start of the service. We welcome any feedback from children or families as virtual church doesn't give us that immediate response that being in the same place with you does!

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This Sunday's service will include some photos from our church family and Steve Bell will be speaking about the Emmaus Road. Please click here to join us at 10.30am or catch up later in the week.



“Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying for God's people.” (Eph 6:18)

Following Julia's brother Peter's funeral, please pray:

...for the family's grieving process;
...for witness among the family to be fruitful in the days ahead as the family re-groups;
...for Julia's dad, Joe (91), less emotionally robust, feeling the loss very deeply & needing support. Julia's mum has dementia and isn't fully grasping that Peter has gone, adding to Joe's distress.

Sandra's Uncle Noel has passed away due to Covid-19. Sandra asks us to pray for strength for his wife and family during this time, and that they all come to know and accept Jesus so that they can be blessed to see Uncle Noel again.

Nimi's mum (Mena) has an infection & is being treated with antibiotics, and showing some improvement. Please pray for her continued recovery, & that she will manage to eat more and regain her strength.

Cedar house has asked for prayer for Jill (assistant manager) Jill has been in hospital with Covid-19, but is now home with suspected secondary pneumonia. Thank God that she is well enough to come home & pray for her continued recovery and for her family. They also ask us to pray for clients who have been undergoing counselling support which has been abruptly stopped & who may be struggling.



This week please pray for the people living in Taylor Street

Thank you for all your donations towards a Pulse Guard for Alice. We now have £405 in total out of the £870 needed.

If you would like to make a gift towards the cost of this please send your donation to:
sort code 40-37-25
(HSBC) account no 30724645 and put "Alice" in the description field.



You can find out more about this equipment here: <https://pulseguard.org/>

WE HAVE HAD A REQUEST FOR A MICROWAVE FROM A FAMILY IN THE PARISH. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH THIS PLEASE CONTACT DAVE

 **St Stephen's**
LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES

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Mental Health



Lots of people are struggling with their mental health at the moment and there are some good Christian resources out there. Spring Harvest have some talks on tackling anxiety and depression by Patrick Regan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWr59-fbA-I>

There is also a Christian website linked to HTB called 'mind and soul foundation' and it is worth checking out their website [here](#)

badiah *Genesis* *Colossia*
Titus *Micah*

Here are the answers to last week's puzzle (marked in red):

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.

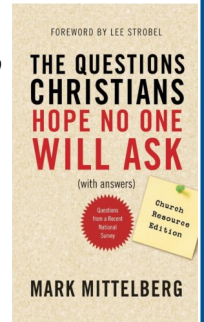
Well done to all those who got them all! And well done to anyone who got 15 - in response to all the 'lamentations' we can tell you that 'The Preacher' is an alternative name for Ecclesiastes.

Nahum *Romans* *Jude* *Jos*
Ezra

Book recommendation

If you are reading a Christian book which you have found helpful – please let us know and say a little about it. Here is a book which Mike Edmondson is recommending:

'I have just finished, 'The Questions Christians hope no one will ask (with answers)' by Mark Mittelberg. These questions were 'uncovered' during a national poll in the US. However you could guess most of them, without such an exercise in this country. "Why do you believe God exists at all? . . . Why would God allow evil and suffering? . . . Why are Christians against same-sex people getting married? . . . Why trust the Bible when it's full of mistakes? . . . How could a loving God send people to hell? . . . What makes you think Jesus was more than just a good teacher? . . . Why are Christians so judgmental?" The answers are very well presented. They are not a series of 'proof texts' to memorise but rather challenge the reader as to what they think about the subjects and give an holistic approach to this. 10 of those are selling individual copies of this book for £1.99 (from £5.99)'. You can order a copy [here](#)



If you would like one of our '30 days of Prayer' booklets to help you pray for the Muslim world during Ramadan, please contact Alison: administrator @ststephenspreston.org.uk

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

The Preston Churches in Prayer

Livestreaming from 7.30am each Tuesday morning (1 hour) at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LongtonCC>
Log on at 7.30am and join us or see and pray along with a recording at any time.

