

Church Without Walls

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join us as
we worship
together
every
Sunday at
10.30am

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and
distress.
Sustain and support the anxious
and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your com-
fort
knowing that nothing can separate
us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*

Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the foodbank. If you are able to donate, please ring/text Michael Edmondson who can provide a door to door service, subject to the Social Distancing advice. Tinned items, potatoes, spaghetti & fruit are always needed



This week please pray
for those living in
Brixey Street

Daily Hope Phoneline

On Sunday the Archbishop of Canterbury launched a free national phone line to help bring worship and prayer to homes across the country whilst our churches remain closed.



It is available on **0800 804 8044**.

This is available for everyone, but will be of particular interest to anyone who is unable to easily access the internet.

Bishop Julian writes: "This is a wonderful idea to offer music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from The Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

"There has been much made recently about the new levels of interest in the Church and the Christian faith we are seeing online since the lockdown and this is, of course, important and should be encouraged.

"But people in our parishes who are not able to engage so easily on the internet (many of them in older age groups) will really appreciate the Daily Hope phoneline."

Supporting Good Mental Health

The Church of England have produced a very helpful booklet, called 'Supporting Good Mental Health', comprising 13 daily Bible reflections written by Revd Prof Christopher Cook and accompanied by practical 'have a go' habits by Ruth Rice.

[You can read or download a copy of this booklet here](#)



There is also some excellent guidance on mental health and wellbeing and Coronavirus from the Church of England [here](#).

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

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Friday Food Market

Mike Edmondson and Andy Pratt have been running the food market for almost two years, along with a growing number of volunteers. This takes place every Friday from 1.30 till 3pm in the school yard, and feeds around 60 families.

Most of the food comes from [FareShare](#) but we are needing to buy milk and bread now, so any financial donations would be very welcome.

If you would like to make a donation towards this you can do so on our website Covid-19 giving page [here](#) or direct into our bank account:

sort code 40-37-25
account no 30724645

stating 'food market' in the description field.



A Telephone Lament for Coronavirus

Medical staff are working very hard and doing an amazing job in incredibly difficult circumstances. In caring for Coronavirus patients, they face not only physical danger in the possibility of contracting the disease themselves, or transmitting it to their families, but also mental and emotional trauma day after day.

Christian Doctor Mark Tan works in intensive care at Withenshaw Hospital. He has written and recorded a "Telephone Lament for Coronavirus", taking inspiration from the Stevie Wonder song "I just called to say I love you".

You can listen to this on the BBC sounds app [here](#) or read a transcript [here](#)

Let's remember to pray for those who are caring for someone else's loved ones during this pandemic.



The Preston Churches in Prayer

Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings will be on zoom from 5th May at 7.30am

If you would like to join in please email Andy Pratt:
andrewpratt1@btinternet.com



Each week we will share a few random acts of kindness that have come to our attention. Thanks to Steve Bell for providing these.

- * A baker in our street being given stuff to give out to those in need - literally going door to door to distribute.
- * Another random act of kindness. An NHS worker came home to find the neighbours had shown their appreciation by creating a dedicated parking space outside their home.
- * Nationwide, some postmen have been leaving gifts for vulnerable or housebound, including food parcels and flowers
- * a bride and groom decided to donate the hog roast, planned for their wedding to over 400 NHS hospital staff.
- * When the Chelsea Flower Show was cancelled, tons of plants were sent to fill green spaces at NHS hospitals, giving quality colour and blooms.
- * At the time of the funeral of Julia's brother Peter, their next door neighbours (who normally keep themselves to themselves) offered the use of their car if Julia and Steve needed to be in different places at the same time. Lovely move from them!
- * Another blessing of lockdown is that "The Chosen" has become the biggest 'crowd funding' project in history! It's a FREE app that streams the life of Jesus, by Christian professional actors and crew. Actors are Middle Eastern Americans. It's a stunning insight into Jesus the man. The first 8 episodes are out, and only around 40mins each. Why not check it out in lockdown!?

**No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.**

- Aesop

Don't forget you can now give a one-off donation, or set up regular giving via the website. All the information you need is here

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