

Church Without Walls

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Click here to join us
for worship this
Sunday at 10.30am

THANK YOU

To everyone who
contributed towards the fund
for Alice's Pulse Guard. We
have now reached our target!

Do you need some help whilst self-isolating?

If you, or someone you know, needs a hand with collecting shopping or prescriptions, or just wants someone to talk to, our NHS Volunteer Responders are here to help.

Help is available if you have a medical condition which makes you vulnerable to COVID-19, especially if you are over 70. You also qualify if you are pregnant or have a disability.



Join the thousands of others throughout England who are already receiving support – even if it's just for a friendly chat.

Call 0808 196 3646 or visit nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk

Back to "Normal"?

The Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, has said: "We note from the Government's COVID-19 Recovery Strategy that churches could be open from July as part of the conditional and phased plan to begin lifting the lockdown. We look forward to the time when we are able to gather again in our church buildings.

"We are examining what steps we will need to take to do so safely and are actively planning ahead in preparation. We strongly support the Government's approach of continuing to suppress the transmission of the virus and accordingly, we recognise that at this time public worship cannot return in the interests of public health and safety."

A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis

Lockdown Box Idea

10 of Those have emailed and told us:

A couple of our customers have emailed and told us how they are sharing the gospel with their neighbours by making a lockdown box of books that people can take from the front of their homes as they pass by. The picture below shows one example. Done something similar? Send us your pictures and ideas for us to share on our Facebook page: [lockdown@10ofthose.com](https://www.facebook.com/lockdown@10ofthose.com)



10 of Those are also offering a 'Lockdown Box' pack of books and tracts for £25 (rrp £93.37) for anyone thinking of doing this - [click here to see this offer](#)

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



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The Chosen

The first ever multi-season show about Jesus is well worth watching and is available on YouTube [here](#)

There are 8 episodes, each between 30 & 50 mins long. It is crowd-funding, so there is an introduction and talks/interviews sandwiching the film, but these can be skipped. If the funding can be raised the plan is to produce another series.

Answers to last week's Riddles & Do You Know?

Who was mocked because he was bald? **Elisha (2 Kings 2v23)**

What kind of lights did Noah use on the Ark? **Flood lights**

Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? **David, he rocked Goliath to sleep.**

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

Daily Hope Phonenumber 0800 804 8044.

This is the National phone line that has been set up to bring worship & prayer to homes across the country whilst we are in lockdown.

Lesley Edmondson writes:

I was talking to my 80 year old cousin on the phone at the weekend. She lives in London and has been attending St. Martin in the Fields since the smaller church, nearer where she lives, closed. She has no internet connection and has had no contact with her church since the lockdown. She has been finding it tough. So I sent her details of the CE phonenumber you mentioned in Church without Walls. She received my letter yesterday and rang today to say that she was 'very happy'. She has listened to the phonenumber quite a lot already. She has also rung several friends to tell them about it and says that whenever she thinks of someone else who might appreciate it she is ringing them to tell them about it. I have also told another isolated friend about it, but my cousin made me think that I should pray about who else I know who might appreciate it.



Random Acts of Kindness - collected by Steve Bell

* a bride and groom decided to donate the hog roast, planned for their wedding to over 400 NHS hospital staff

* There is a children's book called "We're going on a Bear Hunt". British children are now using their daily exercise walk to do a teddy bear hunt. Home owners have started sitting teddies in their windows for the kids to spot.

This week please pray for the people living in Beech Terrace



This week's Riddle:

Who was the best mathematician in the Bible?

This week's Do you Know?

Which Queen refused to appear before her husband, the king?

Answers next week



THY KINGDOM COME

Global wave of prayer 21st-31st May 2020

There is a [Prayer Journal](#) on the website, along with a [Family Prayer Adventure Map](#). Click each link to see more

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