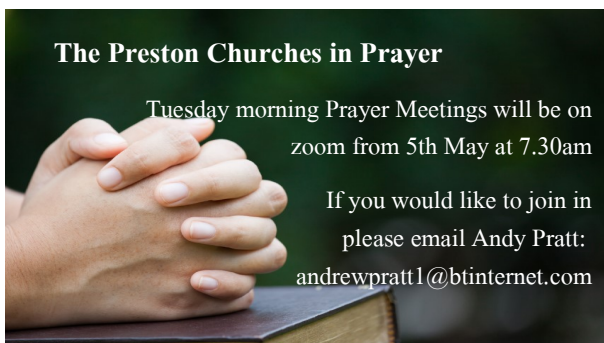


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A new series for Sunday morning

We are going to be starting a new series on Sunday morning looking at Peter's first letter. This Sunday we are focusing on how Jesus forgave and reaffirmed Peter as a leader and it's a reminder that God is always ready to give us a second chance when we mess up! But the following Sunday we start our new series. The letter has a lot to teach us about being 'Church' in the midst of a pandemic. Peter wrote this letter to this first century church and describes them as '*God's elect, exiles, scattered throughout the provinces...*' (1 Peter 1 v 1) and we are experiencing what it means to be the 'scattered people of God' and we too need to be reminded of our calling and the purpose which God has for the church and for our lives. So I am looking forward to us looking at this book together and as I share the teaching with others I am full of expectancy for all we will learn together. This morning I read through the whole letter – it isn't very long and it's a good way to prepare and listen to what God has to say to us at this time.



Salvation Army Foodbank Update from Claire Bowerman

We are operating on limited hours, (10am - 1pm Mon to Fri) We are working by a contactless service having trolleys outside for donations, which are then quarantined for 72 hours. We are currently receiving around 40 referrals a week.

We are in need of the following items: toothpaste; toothbrushes; men's & ladies' deodorant; soap powder; jars of jam & tinned goods (rice pudding, fruit, meat, spaghetti hoops). Any help with these would be greatly appreciated.

For those who are not able to donate food, we have a just giving page, where you can donate money, which enables us to go out and purchase food ourselves. Here is the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-salvation-army-preston-corps>

Thank you to everyone that has donated to our emergency food provision and continues to do so.

Christian Resource Centre

The Christian Resource Centre in Fox Street, Preston is reopening to customers on 15th June 2020.

There are a few changes in the shop; some signs and a guidance note as you enter, nothing more than in most other shops. They are all in place to keep customers and staff safe, please observe them as you visit, they are all in line with Government guidelines for shops.

If you want to reserve an item to collect, please either email us on cbcpreston@aol.com or give us a call on 01772 259279, we are open 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

Our supply chain has been disrupted during lockdown, but please ask if you want something you can't see, as we may be able to obtain it for you.

Remember to give this number to anyone you know who would appreciate being able to hear a message of hope at this time



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



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



Is church going to be open for private prayer?

You may have seen on the news that the Government is allowing churches and other religious buildings to open for private prayer. This is with the provision that directions regarding social distancing and cleaning are followed. In fact, we have a long list of instructions from the Diocese and we will make sure that we follow these to reduce any potential risk of spreading the virus. This week PCC decided that we would open church for private prayer in early July and it will probably be open on two mornings during the week and for one afternoon over the weekend. We think it is important to show that the church is open and offer the opportunity for people, who perhaps normally wouldn't come into church to come and pray. Church family are also welcome to come for private prayer and we hope you will. More details to follow.



Thy Kingdom Come looked different this year due to COVID-19. But still, Christians in more than 170 countries gathered online, bowed their knees in prayer and lifted their voices in hope as we all prayed, Thy Kingdom Come!

[Click here to watch the wrap up video](#)



This week please pray
for the people living
in Clifton Street



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INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
NETWORK NORTH

ICANN began life in 1995 as the Preston Short Term Advocacy Project at Preston Council for Voluntary Service. It was set up in response to a need to provide a voice for vulnerable people, especially those who had disabilities, including Mental Health issues, Learning Disabilities or were vulnerable due to their age.

The charity helps people with PIP and Work Capability assessments. During the Covid crisis, they can also help with budgeting support and form filling, and they offer a telephone befriending service.

To access this help ring 01772 746061, leave a message with your phone number and someone will call you back. Or you can email admin@i-cann.org.uk

CITIZENS UK

Citizens UK (<https://www.citizensuk.org/>) is the national centre of community organising in the UK and home of the Living Wage Foundation. Citizens UK organises communities to act together for power, social justice and the common good. Working with a diverse group of leaders from a variety of community groups, it uses a pragmatic approach to influence people who hold power in government, business or public life.

Citizens UK is investing in the development of a local chapter in Preston, with a long-term aim of establishing a pan-Lancashire alliance. To achieve this they are looking to appoint a Community Organiser. Applications for this post can still be submitted (closing date Thurs 18th June, with an intended start date of September.) Post details can be seen at https://www.citizensuk.org/jobs_opportunities For more information, contact Peter Lumsden, chair of the sponsoring committee (pjlumsden58@gmail.com; tel 07929 270753)

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