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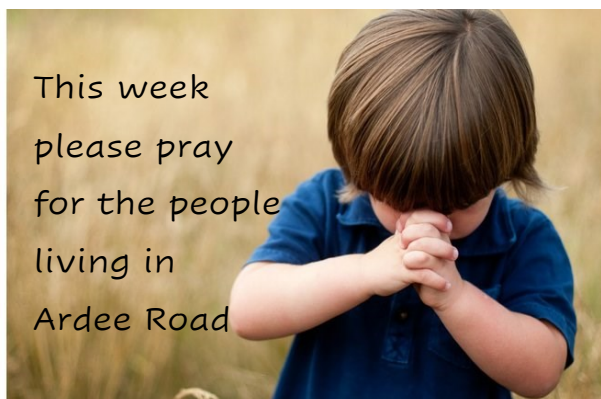
Spotted on Facebook

The vicar of a church in the south of England was asking for help in finding a church in Thailand. Not for himself - he had been contacted by someone living in Thailand who had been watching his streamed services and had subsequently become a Christian and wanted to find a local church.



Our God can even use a global pandemic to grow his kingdom!

Have you heard any encouraging stories of how God is working through lockdown? Send them to the office & we'll include them in here



This week
please pray
for the people
living in
Ardee Road

"When I was hungry...": Feeding Indian Christians in Covid-19 crisis

Christians in India are often last in line for essential food and aid because of their faith, and this is on top of the persecution they already face for following Jesus.



When India went into lockdown to combat Covid-19, hundreds of thousands of people lost their jobs overnight. Many of these usually work as daily labourers and earn each day what they need to survive: without the day's income, they have no money to buy food. Official aid isn't anywhere near enough for the number of people who need it, and Christians are often [deliberately overlooked when this aid is distributed](#).

India is just one place among many where Christians are persecuted for their faith. Our brothers and sisters need our prayers.

Please Pray:

For God's protection for Christians who are being denied essential food and aid.

For protection for Christian aid agencies working to provide food and aid, and that they would be able to reach those most in need, at the right time.

That those who persecute Christians would be convicted of their sin and turn to salvation in Christ.

Read more about this by clicking on these links:

[Christians Refused Aid](#)

[Bringing Aid to Persecuted Christians in India](#)



Email Dave for an invitation to
zoom compline Mon-Thurs at 8pm
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Worth Watching

If you get a chance have a look at last Sunday's gam service from the Diocese of Blackburn on YouTube, a very special multi-lingual service, led by the Revd Sarah



Gill with Bishop Jill preaching.

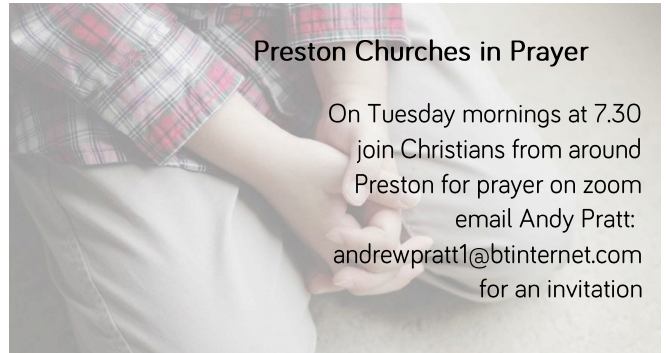
It can be found [here](#).

The rendition of "How Great Thou Art" is truly inspiring.



Preston Churches in Prayer

On Tuesday mornings at 7.30 join Christians from around Preston for prayer on zoom email Andy Pratt: andrewpratt1@btinternet.com for an invitation



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

There is a FREE telephone line set up by the Church of England where you can hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.

Pass this number on to anyone you know who might appreciate this

0800 804 8044



Pray for 5

The last few months have certainly looked very different to normal. For many families, there has been more time to spend together and with the summer holidays swiftly approaching, we wanted to share some of our favourite family based resources with you. Our hope is that you can grow in faith as a family during this time.

Family Adventure Prayer Map



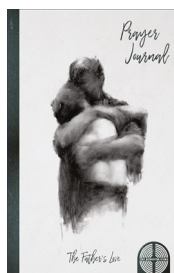
Did you get to complete our Family Adventure Prayer Map? If you haven't, why don't you try it over the summer? If you have, you could try it again and go deeper! [Click here](#) to see more

Family Prayer Adventure Podcast

The Family Prayer Adventure podcasts are a fun and engaging way to help families pray together. At 10-12 minutes long, they feature a game, an interactive Bible story, a chance to pray and great music. [Click here](#) to listen to the podcasts

Prayer Journal

Have you got young people in your household? Why not encourage them to work through the devotional series in this year's Prayer Journal which explores the theme 'The Fathers Love'. You can [click here](#) to find the journal.



Further Ideas

'Bright Ideas for Families' has some creative and fun activities to help families pray together, such as pebble prayers or rocket prayers! [Click here](#) to see more.

Following last week's joke (*Did Eve ever have a date with Adam? No, just an apple.*) we received the following, sent in by someone who wishes to remain anonymous :

During an interview with Eve after the apple had been consumed, Eve is reported to have said: "Core, 'e didn't 'alf get on my pip. Treated me as if I was 'is Granny. And 'e didn't approve of my dress code. Made me blush 'e did. Said I looked like a right Pink Lady. Still, mustn't crumble....'e's the only man in the world for me."

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