

Church Without Walls

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With the return of congregational worship after several weeks of Zoom and YouTube facilitated home meetings.....

Wise Words for Returning Worshippers

- 1/ Do wear appropriate apparel ie not pyjamas.
 - 2/ Don't exclaim, 'Ooh, the vicar looks younger on YouTube!'
 - 3/ Do remember the 2 metre rule. If Bishop Julian* comes it is 1 metre.
 - 4/ Don't do a 'a Jacob Rees-Mogg' and sprawl across several seats. It upsets the cleaner.
 - 5/ Don't 'Greet one another with a holy kiss'. It's your faith that should be infectious.
 - 6/ Don't count the bricks in the wall behind the communion table. Ask a member of the PCC.
 - 7/ The announcement, 'Let us pray' is not necessarily an invitation to get out the hand sanitiser.
 - 8/ Remember to be alert. Britain needs lerts.
- (*Other bishops are available).



Click here to join us on
YouTube on
Sunday morning at 10.30

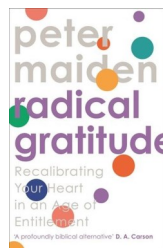


This week please
pray for
the people
living in
Maresfield Road

Book recommendation

'Radical Gratitude' by Peter Maiden

This is an amazing book! Some of you may know of Peter Maiden through Keswick Convention or OM. He has written an excellent book on what should be one of our defining characteristics as Christians! Giving thanks is something that we need to keep working at and this book is a practical guide with Biblical insight into the discipline of giving thanks. While writing this book Peter received a diagnosis of incurable cancer and yet he managed to complete the book and reflect on giving thanks even when you receive a devastating diagnosis like he did. A moving and helpful book which I highly recommend.



Dave

[You can get this book from www.10ofthose.com](http://www.10ofthose.com)

Last Sunday the Community Connectors Group supported 10 streets in the parish to hold events to celebrate community. A whole range of 'socially distanced' activities took place which gave people the opportunity to meet old and new neighbours in their street. We hosted a small get together in the church car park for Bird Street and it was good to meet some of our

neighbours. This photo is taken in Southend, which had a whole range of activities including fancy dress, egg and spoon race and enjoying tea and cake. Andy took his bike around the streets offering free ice cream to each participating street! It was a good day and great way to connect with our community.



Email Dave for an invitation to
zoom compline Mon-Thurs at 8pm
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**Social media
'a great
opportunity'
to spread
God's word**

A Bible translation team in Senegal and The Gambia is using social media to spread the good news of Jesus among the Karon people. As well as translating the Scriptures into the Karon language, the team, which includes people serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators, is using Facebook and WhatsApp to give Karon users access to portions of the Bible.

David Lowry, who serves with Wycliffe on the Karon team, says: 'Making the Scriptures available to people from minority language groups in their own language is an important way of helping them to understand and engage with God's word. With so many people in Africa having smartphones, making use of social media is an easy, rapid and efficient way of spreading the good news of Jesus.'

As a related development, Matthias (one of the translation team) recently started a Sunday afternoon radio show in The Gambia. His idea is to tie in the radio show to the social media groups, as well as livestream the radio broadcast on the Facebook page. The radio show plays a section of Karon Scripture each week, followed by an exposition of the passage and a panel discussion where listeners can call in.

David sums this up: 'In Africa, as in the rest of the world, people are more and more linked in to the brave new world of "online". Their thoughts are filled with WhatsApp discussion, friends' Facebook posts, sharing the latest video etc. We need to bring the gospel into this world, and the fact that we can do it with audio-visual Bible resources in people's own local languages is a great opportunity!'

You can read more about this [here](#).

Our Talking HOPE shows are fortnightly in August. Watch the first 10 shows on our [YouTube channel](#) @HopeTogetherUK. The

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next two shows are on **Monday 10th August** and **Monday 24th August** at 8pm on [Facebook Live](#) and [YouTube](#). As they are online you can watch them at any time once they go live.



DailyHOPE

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

The Preston Churches in Prayer



Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings:
now on zoom at 7.30am

Please email Andy Pratt for an invitation:
andrewpratt1@btinternet.com

Have you any stories to tell about lockdown? What difference has it made to your life? Have you learnt a new skill? Share it with us & we'll include something in here - anonymously if you'd prefer. Email to church@ststephenspreston.org.uk

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