

# Church Without Walls

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Click here to join us for worship  
at 10.30 on Sunday morning

Do you have a photo of you or your family watching the online service? If you're happy to share, send it to the office & we'll use it on here.

I'm pleased to announce that following her ordination in June 2021, Barbara (Houghton) will serve as Assistant Curate of the parish of Preston St Stephen.  
Rev Dave Hanson



This week  
please pray for the  
people  
living in  
Hassett Close



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

## HINDU FINDS FAITH DURING COVID



Nirmal grew up in a very poor Hindu family. After he finished school, he thought he would be able to find a job.

However, Covid-19 upended his plans and dreams and he was unable to find work.

According to a report by Biglife: 'This caused Nirmal to become depressed and mentally unstable. Even to the point that he left home and was missing for a week. His parents were very worried and could do nothing to try to find their son due to the lockdown.'

The family heard about a Christian woman in their area named Sister Sujata and called her to see if she would pray for their son. Sujata shared the Good News of the gospel with them and they prayed earnestly for Nirmal's safe return.

A week later, God graciously answered their prayers. Nirmal returned home and his mental condition was completely normal. In response, Nirmal and his entire family repented of their sins and placed their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

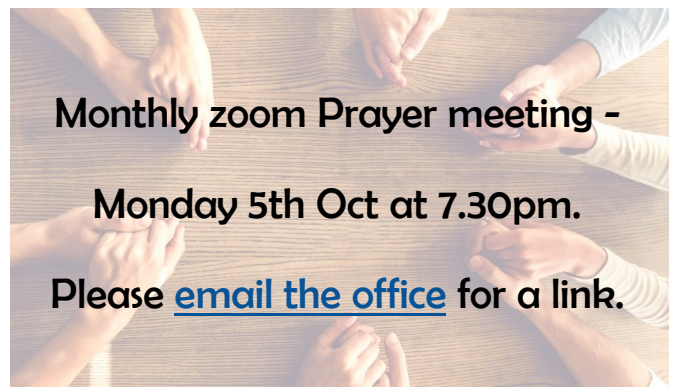
'The Lord has also provided a job for Nirmal,' added Biglife. 'He is so thankful to the Lord for his new life. Let's pray for Nirmal and his family as they share this testimony and the gospel with others in their village.'

Taken from: <https://www.e-n.org.uk/2020/10/world-news/hindu-finds-faith-in-covid/>

Monthly zoom Prayer meeting -

Monday 5th Oct at 7.30pm.

Please [email the office](#) for a link.



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Remember we'll be holding our APCM  
on Monday 26th October at 7.30pm  
in the church building

## Please Pray for the persecuted church...

Around the world, many believers are persecuted for their faith.

Since Jesus laid down His life, 43 million Christians have become martyrs.



Right now 200 million people face persecution for believing in Jesus and 60% of those people are children, according to Christians in Crisis International Ministry, a prayer advocacy ministry for persecuted believers.

### How to Pray for persecuted Christians from the Bible:

Because the New Testament was written to persecuted believers, it is filled with examples of how to pray for our brothers and sisters under attack.

Here are 5 examples from Ephesians:

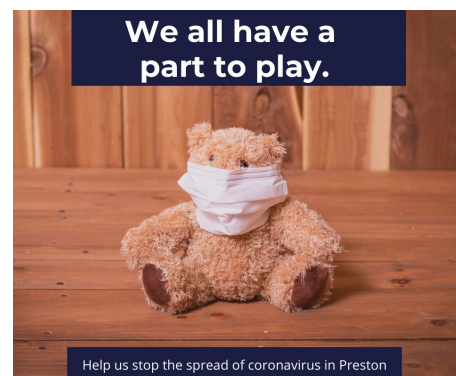
- Pray that they would know the hope God gives (1:18).
- Pray the Holy Spirit would strengthen them (3:16).
- Pray they would know how much God loves them (3:17).
- Pray they would know how to share the gospel (6:19).
- Pray they would fearlessly tell others about Jesus (6:20).

### How to Pray for Practical Needs:

There are some practical needs persecuted believers would love your prayers for:

- Please pray they would have access to a Bible.
- Pray they have the courage to remain in their homeland.
- Please pray for believers who have been rejected by family and friends. Pray that God would surround them with a new Christian "family" who loves them and supports them emotionally and physically.
- Pray for God to be an advocate for women who are socially vulnerable or have lost the custody of their children because of their faith.
- Please pray that God would provide persecuted believers with jobs and safe places to live.

[Read more about this here](#)



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



Thanks to Ondrej Paska (See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-04-2008

Don't forget to book if you want to come along to the evening service in the church building

Email the office before 12 on Friday or contact Pat or Dave after that time



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