

Church Without Walls

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

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Can you help to make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing "under their tree" on Christmas morning? Each year at Christmastime the Salvation Army distribute NEW TOYS (etc.) to families referred to them by Social Services. Last year (as in previous years) they helped make Christmas special for over 400 families; children who otherwise would have a very different Christmas morning.

This year there is a closing date of 27th Nov to allow time for the gifts to be isolated prior to being sorted, grouped and distributed. The gift must be unwrapped but if possible please send a roll of wrapping paper too.

They are also asking for donations of non-perishable Christmas food items such as chocolate treats, mince pies, Christmas puddings, etc.

All these can be taken to the Salvation Army in Hartington Street

From 30th Nov - 18th Dec the Salvation Army are in need of volunteers on weekday mornings (9.30am - 1pm) to help on our front entrance bringing in donations.

Due to Covid - 19 restrictions, we are looking for people who are classed as Covid low risk due to the nature of the volunteering role. If you are interested and think you may be suitable, please contact Claire Bowerman:

info.sapreston@gmail.com.



Lockdown 2.0

Under the new lockdown rules we have been asked not to have public services.

We will be moving our Sunday evening service over to zoom for the duration of this lockdown. Details for each week's service will be sent with the email accompanying this newsletter.

Gospel sweeping thru Iran with more power than COVID-19

Iran has upwards of 82 million people in it. COVID-19 hit the country early, and hard. In the West, Christians are rallying around either social & civil justice issues or their rights to gather together.

M. is the Director of [Global Catalytic Ministries](#). He lives and serves in the Islamic Republic of Iran. He has this to say:

"As soon as the wave of the coronavirus began sweeping across our country, we in the Iranian underground church fasted as a body for forty-two days. We needed to hear from God. We needed to know what He was doing so we could respond appropriately...."

"...It is good and right to pursue a fair and just society. But are these issues the north star by which we guide our lives? Of course not. The north star is Jesus, and the bottom line we will be held accountable to is the time and energy we devoted to leading people to Jesus..."

"...Incredible things are happening in Iran, to and through Iranians, by the power of the Holy Spirit...Why? Because the Holy Spirit is breathing on persecution we are enduring as disciples of Jesus in Iran, and the Gospel is sweeping through our country with more might and power than COVID-19!"

He has this message for Western Christians: "Fight the good fight. So many of you are willing to die on the proverbial hill for what you believe, and I love that. But die on the right hill...Don't get distracted by social justice movements and neglect making disciples to the only One who can actually solve our problems. And don't fight so hard for your right to gather that you neglect to actually spread the Gospel"

[Read more about this here](#)



This week please pray for the people living in Grafton Street

 **St Stephen's**
LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES

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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



Deaf & HoH project
Coronavirus Community Support



Are you Deaf/deaf or Hard of Hearing and living in Preston or the surrounding areas?

Our Disability Equality Deaf & HoH Link Workers can support you with:

- BSL Letter translation
- Referral to partner organisations/services
- Information and advice
- Phone calls
- Building confidence
- Reducing isolation
- Health concerns

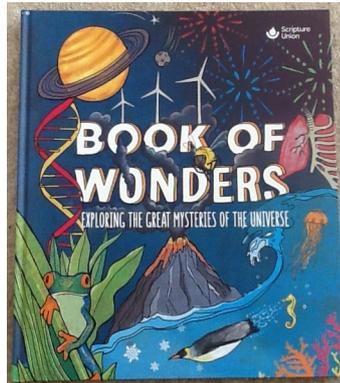
Please contact us if you want any further information or simply want to have a chat:

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Operating hours: Mon – Fri 9:30am – 3:30pm

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 Book recommendation from Malcolm & Sue:

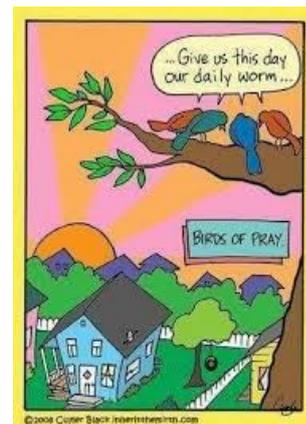


The Book of Wonders has been produced in collaboration with Scripture Union and the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion. The Faraday Institute is an interdisciplinary research and communication enterprise linked to the University of Cambridge. The book has been written by Alex Taylor and beautifully

illustrated by Lisa Maltby. The book is full of facts and figures and fantastic illustrations of the world around us. It is aimed at 8-11 years but we found information that we never knew about. Even pensioners do not know it all! We really enjoyed it but we must admit to being rather biased as Alex is our son.

- Malcolm & Sue

You can buy this book [here](#)



The October issue of the Broadgate Community Magazine is now available.

If you would like to read it, you can find a copy [here](#)

