

Church Without Walls

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Hush Before The Rush 2020

It's that time of year again when we are beginning to think about Christmas and this year, we have many added questions about what exactly it will look like; What will we be able to do? Who will we be able to meet up with? Will we get to see our wider families?

In this uncertain time one thing we can be sure of is that the essence of Christmas and this season of Advent has not changed. We are looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, God's Son, sent into this world to bring hope and light for all people.

On Thursday 10th December at 7.20pm we are holding our annual Hush before the Rush, an opportunity for women to meet together as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. The big difference is that it will be on Zoom and the details for that are below.

Our church theme for Christmas this year is 'Share the Light' and we would like you to have a candle with you on the evening which you will light with all the other participants during our time together. We will hear memories of Christmases past, listen to music and have a short reflection as we spend time together in a new and different way. It would be great if you could join us.

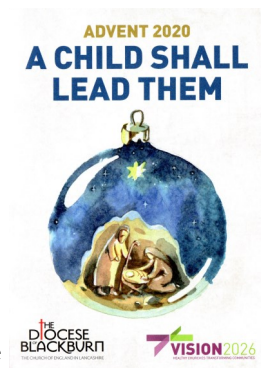
You can do that by [booking via Eventbrite here](#) (you can book for up to 10 people) or by contacting the office and we will book for you.



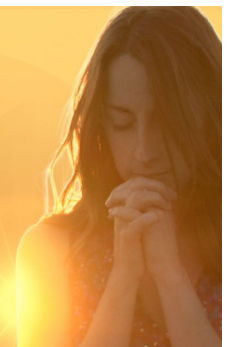
Advent Devotional Readings

We still have some Advent booklets available. The booklet contains written reflections on the Book of Isaiah for each day of Advent from clergy in our Diocese, including all three Bishops. In these Advent daily readings we will see the coming of Jesus through the eyes of Isaiah, writing to the people of Israel who for fifty years had been in forced exile from their homeland; people looking forward to the arrival of their Saviour.

Please [contact the office](#) if you would like one of these booklets.



This week
please pray for
the people living in
Cliff Street &
North Cliffe Street



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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.

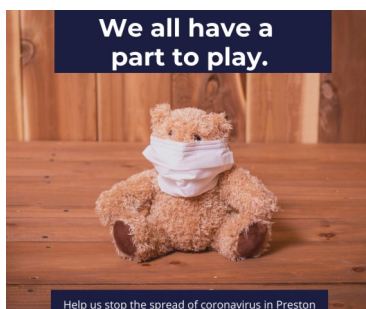
Pass this number on to anyone you know who might appreciate this

0800 804 8044

Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

Thank you for all the gifts of toys and food that have been donated. We are still in need of volunteers every morning next week between 9.30am & 1pm to help bring in donations.

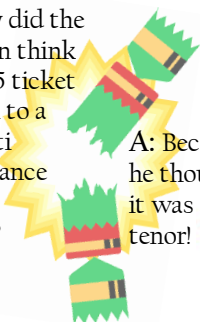
Due to Covid-19 restrictions, **we can only accept volunteers who are classed as Covid low risk.** If you can help, please contact Claire Bowerman info.sapreston@gmail.com.



Christmas Cracker Rejects!

Q: Why did the opera fan think that a £5 ticket to get in to a Pavarotti performance was a bargain?

A: Because he thought it was a tenor!



Wellies wanted!

Do you have any wellies that you no longer need? Maybe a pair your children have grown out of?

Our church school are asking for wellies for infant and junior school children! This is to enable them to get outside and enjoy the environmental area. The children love going out there but need suitable footwear. Can you help? We can collect or you can deliver them to church on a Friday afternoon when the Food Market is on.



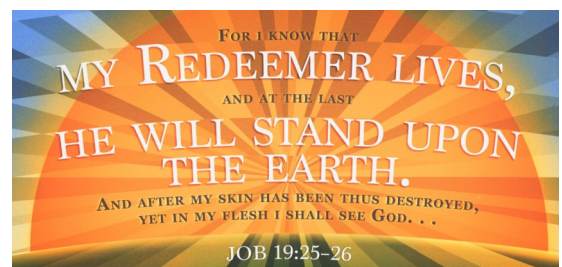
Daily Advent emails from Tearfund



Tearfund would love us to join them in taking some time to look at hope each day during Advent. There will be reflections, songs, prayers, poetry and personal insights. They're all around the theme *Our present: hope*, and there will be something new each day to

feed your faith and uplift your soul.

[Sign up here to receive daily Advent emails.](#)



St Stephen's
LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES