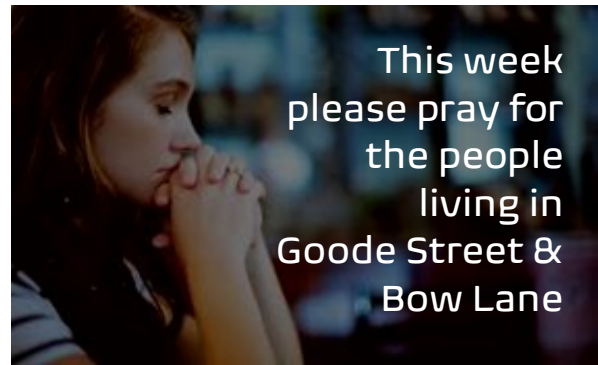
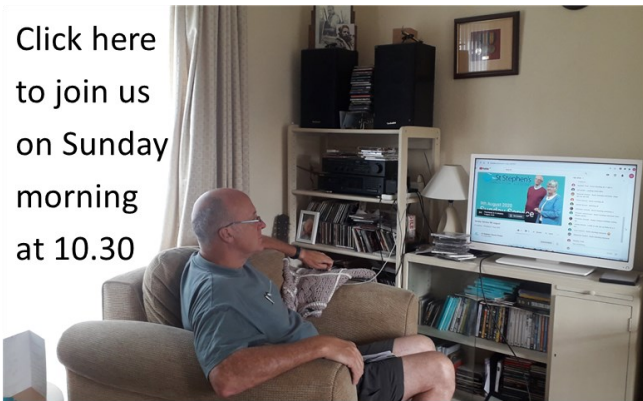


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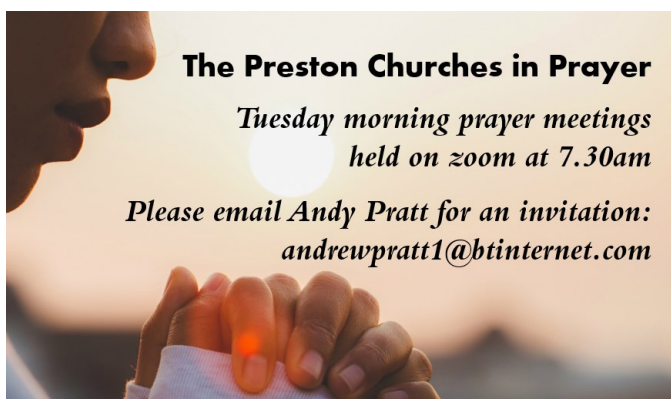


This week
please pray for
the people
living in
Goode Street &
Bow Lane

Our building may be closed but there is still a lot going on at St Stephen's:

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| Sunday | Morning | Morning Service 'Live Stream' on YouTube | Open to everyone and led by the whole church assisted by the vicar. |
| | Evening | Evening Service via Zoom | |
| Monday | Morning | Coffee Pot via zoom | Women's Bible study led by Val Led by Dave/Andy or Open The Book Team Early Teens group led by Suzanne Older teens group led by Mark |
| | Afternoon | School Assemble via Zoom/YouTube | |
| | Evening | Zoom Warriors via Zoom Rooted via Zoom | |
| | Monthly | Prayer meeting/PCC/Ministry Leaders' meetings via zoom | |
| Tuesday | Early morning | Praying for Preston via zoom | Open to anyone in Preston Study for Asylum Seekers led by Dave Leaders: Ant and Phil |
| | Afternoon | International Bible study via Facetime | |
| | Evening | Growth Groups (Penwortham 1) via zoom | |
| Wednesday | Evening | Growth Groups (Penwortham 2) via zoom | Leaders: Mike and Lesley |
| Thursday | Morning | Telephone service on the telephone! | Service for 'Afternoon Tea' group, open to anyone, led by Dave, Malcolm & Sue Leaders: Stephanie (1) Julia (2) |
| | Evening | Growth Groups (Broadgate 1 & 2) via zoom | |
| Friday | Afternoon | Food Market | Led by Andy with volunteers from church family & community |

If you want to know more about any of these groups please contact the church office.



The Preston Churches in Prayer

Tuesday morning prayer meetings
held on zoom at 7.30am

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

Sunday Evening Services at 6pm

You can use the same zoom link each week for our evening services. If you don't have it, please contact the office & we'll send it to you. We ask that you don't share this link on social media, but everyone is welcome to join us.



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**Wyciffe
Bible
Translators**

'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.' (Galatians 5:1)

This was the first verse from the Bible that Afaafa had ever read. As a Kenyan Muslim who had been through madrassa and had been taught Islamic teaching, she had refused even to touch a Bible. She had planned to convert her Christian friends to Islam, but one of them challenged her to read the Bible for herself. She decided to read the first verse she set her eyes on, and there it was, Galatians 5:1. When reading it she felt something powerful come on her. And that night she had a dream where God invited her to choose slavery or freedom. She chose freedom and became a follower of Jesus. Her two sons are growing up knowing Jesus.

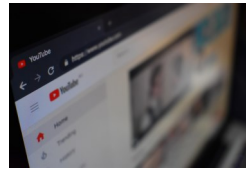


Since 2005, Afaafa has been a Bible translator because 'if God can change my life through one verse, then I expect every verse I translate will impact the life of another Bydla person'. She longs to see her people – the Bydla – receive God's word in their language and know the freedom that comes in Christ. For God's word has power to change individuals, especially when his word is in the language that speaks to them best. It can bring freedom to communities and cultures too.

[Read more about this and other similar stories here](#)

**THE
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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

Every week on the Blackburn Diocesan YouTube channel, there is a weekly message from one of our Bishops or Archdeacons and there are weekly services too ... currently we are 'touring the Diocese' featuring a different parish each week. The most recent messages and services (including New Year messages from Bishop Julian) are [all available here](#) to browse, watch and share with family and friends



There are also a number of testimonies available on the Diocesan YouTube channel

[You can watch one here](#)

Get in touch...

Alison is working from home at the moment, but you can contact her by email (administrator@ststephenspreston.org.uk) or by phone or text on 07720 462200 between 9am & 12noon Mon - Fri (this phone cannot take voice messages). If you want to leave a voicemail you can do so on the office phone (01772 491900), but this may only be checked weekly.



A message from Preston Street Pastors:

As we are told to stay indoors again, we should again think of those who do not cope easily with this. Those with children, those that may suffer emotional or physical abuse, and the lonely. For some, at this time of year, depression, desperation and suicide may cross peoples mind.

Will you pray for them?

A phone call to friends might just be the thing they need to give them hope.

We think too of those that continue to work in Lockdown, the Key Workers and volunteers. In tough and maybe unpleasant situations we ask for strength for them and protection for their families.

Will you pray for them?

We also think of those who are homeless. We pray they will find the support mechanisms they need to meet their physical, spiritual and emotional needs.

Will you pray for them?



Dad Jokes!

Q. Who was the smallest person in the Bible?

A. Knee-high miah

Q. Which servant of God was the worst lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

