

Church Without Walls

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

Zoom coffee

One of things we all miss is the chance to have a cuppa & a chat after the service. So after our morning service has finished why not pop the kettle on & join us for a cuppa & a chat on zoom. We'll send the link out to church family, but if you don't get it and want to join us, please contact the office.



Job Opportunity

Safe Families have a vacancy for a Community Volunteer Manager in the Preston area. [Click here for details](#)

Food Bank

The Salvation Army is still operating a Food Bank from its centre in Harrington Street.

When asked last week what items they were particularly in need of, the list included:

- Toilet Rolls
- Tinned Fruit/Veg
- Tinned Potatoes
- Coffee



Michael Edmondson is able to run a door to door delivery service if you would like to donate.

Thanks to Mike Edmondson for passing this on. Please get in touch with him if you want to donate.

The Preston churches in Prayer

Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings
7.30am on Zoom

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

Dates for the New Year: Monthly Prayer Meetings

On the first Monday of the month we have our monthly prayer meeting which is open to everyone. In order to encourage as many as possible to attend we do not hold our evening Growth Group meetings during the first week of the month.

All these meetings are on a Monday or Tuesday (on the month where there is a Bank Holiday) and start at 7.30pm.

Here are the dates:

- Monday 1 February
- Monday 1 March
- Tuesday 6 April
- Tuesday 4 May
- Monday 7 June
- Monday 5 July
- Monday 6 September
- Monday 4 October
- Monday 8 November
- Monday 6 December



Call to Daily Prayer for the Nation

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have urged people to take a moment each day to pause and remember the more than 100,000 people across the UK who have died after contracting Covid-19.

In an open letter to the nation, the Most Rev Justin Welby and the Most Rev Stephen Cottrell invited people to "reflect on the enormity of this pandemic" following the reaching of the "terrible milestone".

They wrote: "One hundred thousand isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us.

"We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God."



Both Archbishops called on people to join in a "prayer for the nation" at 6pm every day from 1st February.

[Read more here](#)

See an interview with the archbishop [here](#)

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**This week please
pray for the
people living in
Langton Street**



Start ▶

God, Jesus and
the journey of
life in six sessions

It's difficult to find a newsletter or blog post these days that doesn't start with something along the lines of "In these difficult and challenging times..." Covid has caused many difficulties and challenges, but has also raised questions in people's minds.

More people are watching online services than ever appeared in church buildings in the pre-Covid world. People are searching for truth and meaning.

In February we are intending to run a 6-week online course, aimed at explaining the Christian faith. (The date & time is yet to be decided and will depend on the availability of those wishing to attend)

Start! introduces Christianity through six interactive, sessions. The Start! course makes no assumptions about participants' background or experience or knowledge of Christianity or the church. It really does start from scratch.

Could this be a course for you? Or maybe you know someone who would benefit from it? If so please contact the office

administrator@ststephenspreston.org.uk

Storm Cristoph certainly made its presence felt and although we may not have had awful flooding in Preston, you don't need to go too far to find stories of businesses and homes flooded. The Ascension Trust emailed coordinators to ask if Street Pastors could be ready to respond to local areas should the need arise. Thankfully we were not called upon to do so.



It doesn't take a lot of rain though to make your life miserable. If your days are spent on the streets and most places are closed, it's not pleasant. Efforts are made by organisations such as the Emmaus Community and the Foxtan Centre to assess and assist people into accommodation but for many reasons, we still see people on the streets.

Street Pastors don't give money to those on the street, we give something more valuable. Our time.

Many people on the street appreciate a chat with us, and the homeless more so as they feel ignored by many who pass by. But chatting to people, and valuing them, like Jesus did, is something everyone can do.

Please pray for our teams as they head out onto the streets, for conversations and being an assuring presence in that community. Please pray too for those sleeping out or just sitting on the street.

Maybe you could have a chat with them as you pass by? Your time is both free and priceless.



Thanks to Mikel Rice
THEY FALL FOR THIS EVERY TIME

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