

Church Without Walls

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**This week
please pray
for the people
living in
Northcote Road**



Click here
to join us on
Sunday morning
at 10.30am

There is no lockdown on the Holy Spirit.

[Taken from the LICC website](#)



There is no lockdown on 'just happening' to meet the person he's put on your heart in the grocery aisle, or on him healing a friend sixty miles away, or giving you the right word (you know it was him) for a colleague on a call, or strengthening you for another day in the classroom, the same room, the Zoom room.

There is no lockdown on mission.

There is no lockdown on a 'thank you' note on top of the bins, on a nod to a stranger passing two metres away, on a text to a friend, on leaving a meal, a cake, a Kit-Kat on a doorstep, on inviting a friend/neighbour to a YouTube service.

We may be limited in how we can gather in our church buildings but we are still God's people with a mission in his world.

There is no lockdown on prayer.

We may not be able to go to our friend, our family, our neighbour, our boss, lay on hands, anoint with oil, but are not the Lord's ears open? Is there any mask-muffled whisper he cannot hear? Has his arm grown shorter? Or his heart less tender? Is he not always near? Does he not still speak through his word? Send his angels? Is there any wall he cannot walk through? Any place barred to his Spirit? And, in our grieving, our anxiety, bewilderment, depression, weariness, loneliness, is it not still true that the fastest way to hope begins on our knees?

There is no lockdown on grace.

There is no lockdown on access to the Father.

No lockdown on Jesus.

And no lockdown on the Holy Spirit. He goes where he wills.

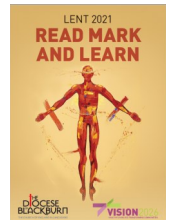
Hallelujah!

Mark Greene
Executive Director, LICC

If you're with us as we broadcast our morning service live, don't forget to use the chat feature to say 'hello' to each other. This is a great way to encourage each other as we meet together.

We also 'gather' for coffee on zoom after each morning service. The link is in the email sent with this newsletter; we do hope you will join us.

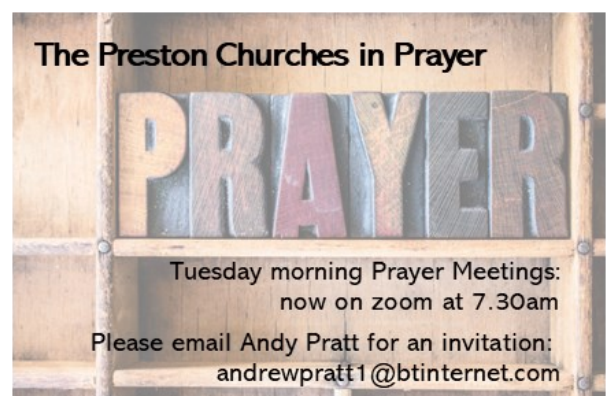
Lent Booklets



These Lent booklets have been so popular that the Diocese had to have them re-printed! But we still have some left, so if you would like one, please [contact the office](#).

This booklet will take us through Mark's gospel each day in Lent. Mark is the shortest of the four gospels, and was the first account of Jesus' life to be written down. It draws on Peter's eyewitness testimony, giving a reliable historical source.

This is also available in large print. Please say if you would like a large print version.



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Word Alive 2021 6th-9th April and Beyond...

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plug into the word

While we can't recreate the full experience of Word Alive online, we can provide resources that connect you to God's word and give something of the flavour of the event. In particular we can offer some of the teaching, training and children's work that many so value about Word Alive.

6th-9th April: Something for Everyone:

- Programmes for Children, Youth & International students
- Evening sessions with David Cook teaching from Proverbs & music from Olly Knight



Throughout April & May there will be a number of sessions with teaching from Steve Midgley, Rebecca McLaughlin & Garry Williams

[Click here for more information](#)

Book Review: The Case For Easter

Did Jesus of Nazareth really rise from the dead?

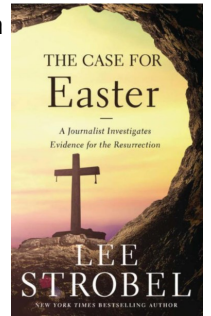
Of the many world religions, only one claims that its founder returned from the grave. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the very cornerstone of Christianity.

But a dead man coming back to life? In our sophisticated age, when myth has given way to science, who can take such a claim seriously? Some argue that Jesus never died on the cross. Conflicting accounts make the empty tomb seem suspect.

How credible is the evidence for--and against--the resurrection? Focusing his award-winning skills as a legal journalist on history's most compelling enigma, Lee Strobel retraces the startling findings that led him from atheism to belief. He examines:

- The Medical Evidence--Was Jesus' death a sham and his resurrection a hoax?
- The Evidence of the Missing Body--Was Jesus' body really absent from his tomb?
- The Evidence of Appearances--Was Jesus seen alive after his death on the cross?
- Written in a hard-hitting journalistic style, *The Case for Easter* probes the core issues of the resurrection. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead: superstitious myth or life-changing reality? The evidence is in. The verdict is up to you.

Could you give a copy of this booklet to an unbelieving friend or neighbour? At only £1.99 a copy you can get it from [here](#)



Shrove Tuesday Party

Please join us (Pat and Andy) at the annual Shrove Tuesday Party.

Tuesday 16th February 2021, 7pm on Zoom - just one hour of fun and frolics.

Bring some pancakes to eat, your quiz brains and your favourite pancake stories.

Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday service will be on zoom at 7.30pm

Links for both of these and the quiz for Shrove Tuesday are in the email sent with this newsletter



Prayer for the Nation

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Attributed to St. Augustine

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

