

Church Without Walls

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Our Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on Monday 1st March at 7.30pm on Zoom.



The link will be in the email accompanying this newsletter.

If you'd like to join us & don't have the link, please contact the office.



church@ststephenspreston.org.uk



Click here to join us on YouTube on Sunday morning at 10.30

Please send us your stories, prayer requests, book reviews and photos. We'd love to share any tips you have for coping with the current restrictions, or any encouragements.

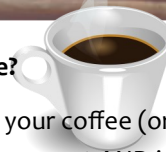
Send them to church@ststephenspreston.org.uk or pop them into the church letter box.

Staying for coffee?

However you like your coffee (or tea!) you can have it just how you want AND in your favourite cup.

Join us for a zoom cuppa after the morning service.

(The link will be sent by email but is the same each week)



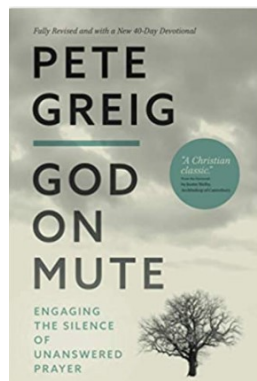
'God on Mute: Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer' (2020)

Pete Greig, co-founder of the global 24-7 prayer movement, is a gifted communicator who writes with insight and honesty about what can be a taboo for some Christians. He wrestles with the long-term life threatening illness of his wife, and the stories of many others, to provide wisdom and hope in hard times. Difficult questions about our faith are addressed in the context of the Bible and the Easter story in particular, together with examples from his own experience as a pastor and friend to many.

There is a 40 day devotional journey to explore Scripture and the issues raised in the 14 chapters structured around three key questions: How am I going to get through this? Why aren't my prayers being answered? Where is God when heaven is silent?

There are glowing reviews from some prominent Christian leaders and the book has helped me to see more of God's perspective on my own long-term health issues and the struggles of others. There is also a free online prayer course of five films based on the themes from the book. If anyone would like to borrow our copy please do get in touch.

Phil Green



The Preston churches in Prayer

Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings
7.30am on Zoom

Please email Andy Pratt
for an invitation:
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Can You Help?

The Salvation Army's Food Bank is currently running short of Tinned Spaghetti and Toothbrushes



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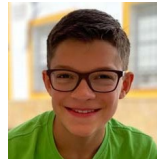


What does Mission look like?

Crosslinks asked some of their mission partners what mission looks like for them:

Jirka and Keira are working in the Czech Republic. 'In general, Czechs don't know what Christianity is and they don't have preconceptions about Christians or churches. As there is little Christian presence in the Czech Republic – few believers and few churches – we focus on grassroots evangelism. We start by sharing the gospel in the street by speaking to people and giving out flyers and tracts. We are then able to invite anyone who is interested to events we are running. Another key part of frontline evangelism is grounding Christians in the faith. We lead new believers through an introduction to the Bible and they hear the Bible preached on Sundays in church.'

Theo (age 13) says, 'I live in Spain with my mum, dad and sister. I see us as missionaries together so I feel that we are a team. When we left the UK, it was difficult leaving friends behind and moving to a country where you can't understand people. However, I am now able to communicate better with people around me, which means I don't feel like such an outsider.'



Sofia (age 16) says, 'We moved to Italy in 2013 and the first three years were hard. I found it hard not to constantly pine for England. Now, seven years later, we are more bonded as a family, we have Christian friends in Naples and feel very much settled. One of the things God has taught me is that my home is in heaven and I will never feel completely at home in Naples or in England.'



Crosslinks Staff member Beth works from home in London, supporting over 100 global workers. She says a typical day includes:

'Near back-to-back Zoom calls or virtual meetings and innumerable WhatsApp chats! The pandemic has actually assisted our member care in that it has sped-up the roll-out of our kids programme. We now run monthly Zoom calls for the children of our mission partners, to connect them with one another for encouragement and support. As a spin-off of this, a group of mums have formed a WhatsApp group to share learning and encourage one another in their ministry.'

Neil leads a local Church in Derby in a multi-cultural, inner-city suburb. Neil's church plays a part in global mission without stepping outside Derby. They do this by praying for mission, giving financially, and keeping in touch with the mission partners they support.

You can read more about what mission looks like to different people in the Crosslinks magazine [here](#).



[Women's World Day of Prayer](#)
[Friday 5th March](#)
[Click here for more details](#)

Street Pastors Prayermail

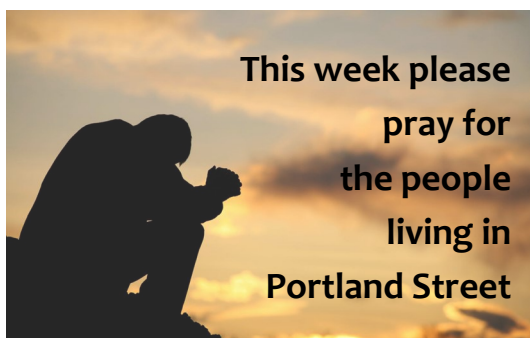
Families all over Preston are under so much pressure at the moment.



Home-schooling, home working, Stay at Home, it is a tough life if you are in a residential block of flats with no outdoor space to let off steam. Maybe a one or two bedroom place with everyone competing for a laptop. We will have seen stories on the news about wifi poverty. Kids sitting outside McDonalds just to get online free.

Can we pray for families this week?

- For those under pressure through working at home
- Children struggling with school work and missing friends
- Tensions rising and tempers fraying
- Those unable to get a breath of fresh air easily
- Missing parents or older children that are a long way away
- Those job hunting to provide for the family



This week please
pray for
the people
living in
Portland Street