

Church Without Walls

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A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

A lot of people are working from home at the moment, but not many of us are as far from their place of work as Craig & Elaine Watson, who we heard from last Sunday.



God called Craig & Elaine to work in Nepal, but the pandemic has grounded them in Bolton for the time being. It was interesting to hear how they are already

working for the Kathmandu International Study Centre (KISC) from their home. KISC was originally set up to provide education for the children of Christian Mission workers. Today these children are still the majority in both the Primary and the Secondary school, but they have been joined by children from the growing Nepali church too. There are also students and staff who are not yet Christian but who want an English curriculum education in a Christian ethos for themselves or their children.

This provides a great opportunity to educate the Nepali church leaders of tomorrow, and to demonstrate the love of Christ whilst doing so to the wider community.



If you would like to receive Craig & Elaine's newsletter, please let the office know.

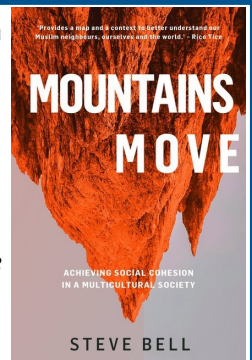
[To read more about the work in Nepal click here.](#)

Congratulations to Steve on the publication of his new book 'Mountains Move' which is to be available in July. Please follow the link below for more details.

Public discourse has become increasingly strident, aided and abetted by political correctness. Some Christians are intimidated by this and withdraw, while others unwittingly tread on social landmines, damaging their message and giving Christians a bad reputation.

This book is an insight into Christian engagement and mission in the 21st Century, how Christians can follow the risen Christ through church walls into society as effective 'moral salt' and 'spiritual light'.

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JOSHUA'S CAREER STARTED EARLY

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The Scariest job in the world!

When Gareth Mort is asked what he does for a living, he has an answer that's guaranteed to grab people's attention: 'I have the scariest job in the world. I'm the person who has to sign off a translation as being the word of God.'

In practice, Gareth's job is to check that what is in the target language matches up with the original text and meaning of Scripture. This is not as easy as it sounds. When it comes to translating Scripture, there are so many unknown ideas. Can you imagine how hard it might be to translate the names of the twelve gemstones that decorate the foundations of the New Jerusalem (Rev 21:19–20), or that translating a number as big as 144,000 (Rev 14:1) would take a whole paragraph?

These are just two of the many challenges that Gareth has encountered in his role as a translation consultant, but he makes it clear that he and his wife Katharine are not translators: 'We serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators, but we are not the translators. We help mother-tongue translators to do the best job they can.'

For Gareth, one of the delights of his role is those light-bulb moments when people realise the truth, impact and beauty of God's word because they can finally read it in a language that they understand.



The Morts' home in Nigeria

[You can read more about Gareth & Katherine's work here](#)

This week
please pray for
the people
living in
Euston Street,
Fitzroy Street &
Burleigh Road



I spotted a new business this week while walking around the parish. It is a Bulgarian Food Market and they have taken over Race Cafe on Bow Lane. Why not pop in and welcome them?
Dave



Click here to read the latest newsletter from Shino & Shania

There has been an increase in calls to UK domestic violence helplines of over 50% during lockdown. A shocking statistic.



Time magazine tells us that incidents have risen 300% in China, 50% in Brazil and 25% in Argentina. Refuges and Crisis teams have all had an increase in need during the lockdown periods. We need to turn to prayer and lift those who live in fear to the Lord. Please pray for:

- Those adults and children who live in fear of violence and abuse. That they will find a way out of the situation to safety.
- Neighbours of the abused, that they would befriend, shelter and help those in need.
- Those who are violent, that they would see the harm it causes and seek help and salvation.
- Organisations who advise, help and shelter those who leave their abusers. Give them your love and protect them too from the sadness they hear about.
- Ourselves, that we would be vigilant and aware. Help us to ask the right questions.



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LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES