

Church Without Walls

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HAPPY EASTER!

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!



The second of Dai Woolridge's Easter videos can be found [here](#).

From the empty tomb to fish sarnies on a beach



Easter at School

Our Church School had a special focus on Easter this year and put together an amazing exhibition of the children's work. It was very moving to read the children's prayers and reflections on Easter and see a dramatized re-telling of the Easter story on video. The children at St Stephen's School come from diverse backgrounds and there are 27 languages spoken in school. But despite this diversity of languages and cultures, the Head Teacher Mrs Wright says, 'we all know the language of what it means to love one another as God has asked us to do.' Bishop Julian also visited and chose this location to record his Easter Message. School is now closed for the Easter holidays but we give thanks for the strong Christian ethos in our church school and all the hard work from the Head Teacher and her staff.



Preston Churches in Prayer

On Tuesday mornings at 7.30
Join Christians from around
Preston for prayer on zoom
email Andy Pratt:
andrewpratt1@btinternet.com for an invitation

Not only is this the 50th edition of Church Without Walls, and the Easter Issue, it's our anniversary as well! Issue 1 was produced on 5th April last year. This was a stop-gap to replace the notice sheet whilst we were unable to meet or

hand out paper notice sheets. We thought at the time that this would only last for a few weeks before we could get back to 'normal'. But what a year we've had!



Tables & Chairs

Judd House are renewing their lounge furniture & have some dining tables and chairs to dispose of. If anyone could make use of these please get in touch.

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When Street Pastors go out on patrol, we don't know what to expect. Sometimes it can be very busy, and at other times the streets can be quiet with not a soul around. It's easy to feel a bit fed-up in the depths of a cold winter night, or walking in the rain at 2am, if nobody is around to talk to!



Our Street Pastor poet put pen to paper when hearing another talk about how they relied upon God to make use of them, even in the cold and wet!

Where is everyone Lord?
It's so quiet tonight,
It's cold, damp and very late,
I'd rather be in bed...

Street Pastor, you can't see what I see,
You walk by unaware, but I see
A hurting heart stirred, when you are seen,
I see the need,
Just around the next corner,
Someone I want you to talk to.

Be encouraged,
I walk with you,
Amongst the galaxies and planets
I choose to walk with you,
In the cold,
In the damp,
Late at night.

Lets all be encouraged this week as we acknowledge Gods presence with us every day!

Friday 23 April, 7.30pm: Book Launch "The Space Between" by Revd Mark Bradford

Mark has a new book coming out on Friday 23 April, called "*The Space Between*": *The disruptive seasons we want to hide from, and why we need them*. It's based on the talk he gave at the Preston Lent Series a few years ago, expanded into book form.

From the publisher's website: The disruptive seasons of life – those transition times in which we have left one season of stability but not yet arrived at the next – can be times of great disorientation. Yet, for good or for ill, they are also the most transformative. In "*The Space Between*", Mark Bradford provides the reader with a biblical and theological understanding of such seasons of life, connects them with the resources to live faithfully through them, and offers strength and hope for the journey. Mark is holding a free launch event **on Zoom on Friday 23 April, 7.30pm** if anyone wants to join in that [you can sign up here](#) After sign-up, a Zoom link will be emailed out, as well as a code for 15% off the cost of the book if you order between 16 April 2021 and 7 May 2021. (Full price is £9.99)



This week please
pray for the
people living in
Kingswood &
Gerrard Street



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