

Church Without Walls

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This week
please pray
for the people
living in
Marsh Lane



JERUSALEM—Roman authorities are investigating controversial religious leader Jesus of Nazareth for violating the Empire's clear "stay in tomb" order. After crucifying him and laying him in the tomb, Roman guards put Him under strict orders to stay there and not come back, rising victorious over sin and death.

But Jesus, answering to a higher authority, refused to stay dead and busted out of the tomb, establishing a kingdom that would never end -- again, in clear violation of the government's orders.

"Jesus is a dangerous rebel, refusing to bend the knee to Caesar and not abiding by the law of sin and death," said one Roman official. "He clearly broke the law by leaving the tomb, and we're going to be issuing a citation and placing him under mandatory quarantine for these crimes."

After coming into contact with many large groups over the course of approximately 40 days, Jesus ascended into heaven and is currently thought to be reigning on high.

Authorities are also investigating Him for planning to gather with a large multitude of every tribe, tongue, and nation. He says he currently has no plans to obey any earthly king on the matter, pressing ahead with the gathering of those who believe He died and rose again and trust Him alone for their salvation.

Taken from [The Babylon Bee](#)

We have a new shop in the parish and it is a Bulgarian supermarket! It can be found in what used to be Race Café on Bow Lane. They also sell a Bulgarian breakfast called 'Banitsa'. This a pastry roll with cheese inside and you can have

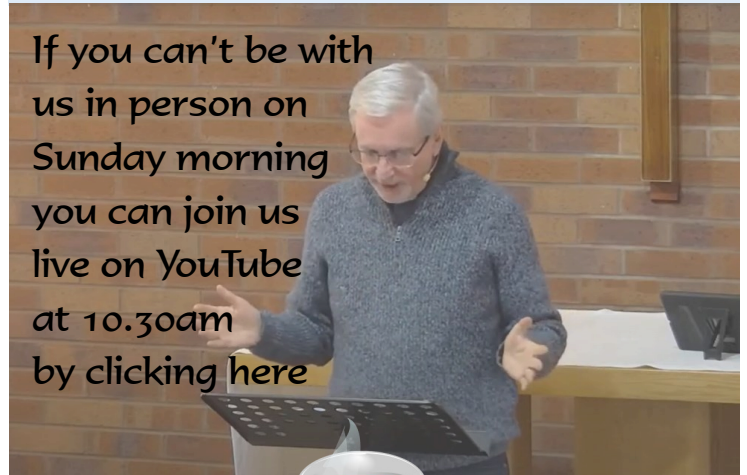


at anytime of the day. Best to phone and order it as it takes 20 mins to cook. The telephone number is 01772 437474.

If you are intending to join us in person on Sunday morning please remember you will need to book.

You can do this by contacting the office before 12noon on Friday, or contacting Pat after this time.

If you can't be with us in person on Sunday morning you can join us live on YouTube at 10.30am by clicking [here](#)



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)



It's that time of year again!

Electoral Roll



Belong



Participate



Contribute

In preparation for our Annual Meeting we need to check our electoral roll is up to date. Only those on the electoral roll are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

To check if your details are on the roll, or to join it, please [contact Pat](#).

Please let us know if any of your details have changed.

Ros Day's funeral will take place on Monday at 2.15pm. This will be live-streamed.

Please contact Pat for further information.

 **St Stephen's**
LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES

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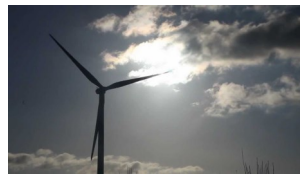
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On the way north on the M6 I passed the large wind turbine at the Dewlay cheese factory. It's huge. Rotating blades moving slowly changing the power of wind to usable electricity.

It made me think!

God's power is not something we can see. But we know it is there by the effect it has on things around us. Just like the wind moves the blades, God's power makes things happen in our lives. His power, used through us, makes things change. If we are not present in the wind, God cannot use us as easily. Of course, we could be standing in the wind of God's power, but facing the wrong way. Being less effective at using the power as it passes us. For God to make full use of us we need to be facing into the wind, in His direction!



So, as we remember God's power in the resurrection of Jesus will you be turning to face the power of God too? As my mother says "that wind... it goes right through you...!"



STAYING HOME IS YOUR SUPER POWER

We received Easter Greetings from our Hindu neighbours.
(This arrived too late for last week's newsletter)

Dear Rev Dave Hanson

I write to you on behalf of the Hindu fellowship at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Preston to share our delight in joining you as you celebrate Easter and commemorate the resurrection of Jesus as narrated in the New Testament.

We share in this opportunity to give thanks to God for his bountiful providence and boundless grace in guiding us, supporting us and protecting us, his children, through these especially difficult times.

Perhaps it takes challenges such as this to remind us: As richly diverse as our society is in its many faiths and cultures, we are united in our singular commitment to serve one another and work towards the greater good for the whole of humanity.

Our prayer for our Christian and Hindu brothers and sisters is echoed in a verse from *Satsang Diksha*, a scriptural handbook that all Swaminarayan Hindu devotees read daily as a part of their morning worship, personally authored by our spiritual head, His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj. Verse 306 reads: "May mutual unity, goodness, friendship, compassion, tolerance and love flourish among all people."

We hope that you will be able to visit us at the mandir as soon as it is safe to do so. Until then, I extend our heartiest greetings and best wishes to you and all our Christian friends for Holy Week,

Mr Tarun Patel
Lead Volunteer
BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

The Preston Churches in Prayer



Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings:
now on zoom at 7.30am

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

THEOLOGY AS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN:

- ♦ Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
- ♦ The people who followed Jesus were called the 13 decibels.
- ♦ The Epistles were the wives of the Apostles.
- ♦ Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark
- ♦ The 7th commandment is 'Thou shalt not admit adultery.'