

# Church Without Walls

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## APCM



Don't forget our APCM is this Sunday, following the morning service. If you haven't booked to attend in person you can join us on zoom. The link is in the email accompanying this newsletter

Due to our APCM taking place after the morning service we won't be having zoom coffee this week



Click here to join us on Sunday morning at 10.30



*"The prayers of the saints and the fire of God move the whole course of the world. They are the most potent, the most disturbing, the most revolutionary, the most terrifying powers that the world knows."*

Thomas Torrance

### The Preston Churches in Prayer

Tuesday morning prayer meetings held on zoom at 7.30am

Please email Andy Pratt for an invitation: [andrewpratt1@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewpratt1@btinternet.com)

### THEOLOGY AS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN

- The first book of the Bible is Guinessis, in which Adam & Eve were created from an apple tree.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- A Godly person should have only one wife. This is called monotony.

John Bunyan: "You can do more than pray after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed."

When God is silent

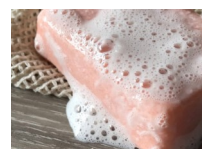


Remember John 14 v16

We asked if you'd made any changes in your lifestyle out of concern for the environment.

Here's what you told us:

This is one of the changes I have made to help the environment. I stopped buying cleansing wipes and have made reusable ones.



During Covid it's been hard to find anywhere to refill shower gel and shampoo bottles, so I've started using solid soap & shampoo bars instead.

Have you made any changes? Please let us know so we can include them in here.

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Hello - my name is Barbara Houghton and I am really looking forward to be joining your church family at St Stephens this July.

Though originally from Manchester, I have lived in Blackpool since I was 13. I have two children – Georgia who is 20 and going into her third year studying politics at York St John University; and Ben who is 15 and who has just completed his GCSEs and finished school - they grow up far too quickly!



For the past 12 years I have loved being the Children and Youth Pastor at St Thomas' Church, Blackpool and this has been a major part of my life and calling. For the past couple of years I have been training for ordination at St Mellitus North West which is based in Liverpool.

I think we can all agree that these past few years have certainly been interesting for us all. Now my family and I are very excited to be beginning this next part of our journey with you all in Preston. I must say that those of you I have met so far have already made me feel most welcome and I can't wait to get to know you all. See you soon - Barbara

Rani and Kishor will be flying back to India on Sunday 30 May 2021. Please pray for them as they return home, and for their safety and that of their wider family. They say, 'We are very grateful to our church family for their love and support.'

We will miss them, but thank God for the time they have been with us.



This week please  
pray for the  
people living in  
Beech Terrace



The Mayor of Preston visiting the Food Market at St Stephen's and awarding us with a Preston Coronavirus Community Hero Award

## Lighting up New Generations

We are delighted to announce that the Church of England's Strategic Investment Board has awarded the Diocese of Blackburn £3.5M strategic development funding. Nationally, this is the highest contribution in this year's round of funding.

This focuses on planting two Resourcing Churches in Blackburn and Blackpool. These plants have emerged out of Preston Resourcing Parish.

In Blackburn, a town of innovation, this offers opportunity to innovate with a multi-generational Youth Resourcing Church at St Luke's, located in one of the youngest towns in Britain.

In Blackpool, a town founded as a health spa, this offers opportunity at a time of significant civic investment, to grow a town centre Resourcing Church at St John's with a focus on life in all its fullness, in a location with national profile.

Bishop Jill, Chair of the *Lighting Up New Generations* project said: "In the Diocese of Blackburn, we are convinced of the importance of frontline parish ministry for reaching Lancashire with the gospel."



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LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES