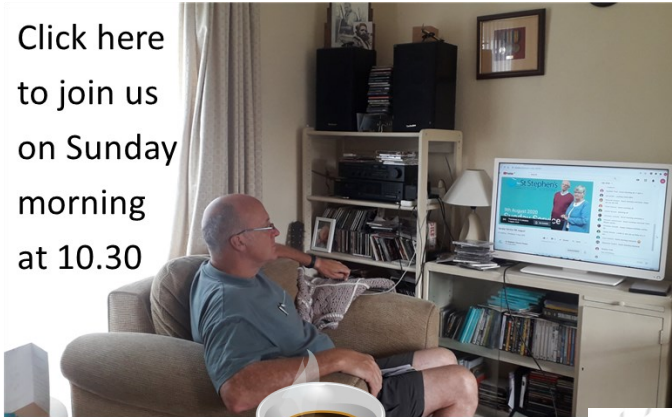


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Click here
to join us
on Sunday
morning
at 10.30



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)



Please note: There will be NO Coffee Pot meeting this Monday as it is Bank Holiday

Thank You!

I was overwhelmed by the generous gifts I received last Sunday from the church family. The flowers are lovely, and the Afternoon Tea Voucher will be a great treat to share with Anne. They were quite sufficient for me, but then to get a cheque, that was quite something else. I couldn't bring myself to open it until Anne came. I am incredibly grateful and will use it wisely. Thank you once more

Pat.

Ps I'll still be around ☺



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

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.

Remember to give this number to anyone you know who would appreciate being able to hear a message of hope at this time

0800 804 8044
DailyHOPE

A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

The Preston Churches in Prayer

PRAYER

Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings:
now on zoom at 7.30am

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

EU Settlement Scheme: Information for EU/EEA citizens

Now that the UK has left the European Union, children and adults from other European countries who live in the UK may need to apply for permission to stay. You need to do this by 30th June 2021

The application will not cost you anything.

You can apply online [here](#) and there's more info [here](#)

There is a telephone helpline for any questions: 0300 123 7379

You can read more information about this [here](#)

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Gaza Crisis Appeal

The Archbishop in Jerusalem is appealing to all people of goodwill to support this humanitarian mission through their generous contributions to Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

Over recent days, the rapid escalation of violence throughout the Holy Land has led to a heart-breaking situation in the region. Families are being bombed from their homes, medical supplies are running out and there is a desperate need for fuel to keep generators going. In the air, attacks have been launched against Gaza and central Israel. On the ground, there has been rioting between extremists in ethnically mixed cities in particular over the pending evictions in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood. Scores have been killed; many have been injured.



It's really hard to know what to do in a practical sense with the current crisis in the Holy Land.

One way would be to donate to the Christian Hospital which is situated in Gaza. They minister to a predominantly Muslim population.

For donations to the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza there is a new link on the JMECA website (The Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association)

[Al Ahli Hospital Appeal 2021 | jmecca.org.uk](https://www.jmecca.org.uk)

Almighty and Everlasting God: Our days are in your hands; we lift up all those in the Holy Land who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn; we pray also that you would soften the hearts of all those involved in the recent conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace in the land where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ first came to bring hope and abundant life to all people; these things we ask in his Holy Name. Amen.

"Take nothing for the journey..."

(Luke 9v3)

"- no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt."

What on earth was Jesus thinking?



Our church is organising a weekend away soon, and there's a Street Pastor refresher day soon too...

Please bring a mask or visor,

Are you vegetarian for catering purposes?

Places to park your car?

Bring a waterproof etc...!

Jesus said take nothing for the journey.

When I thought about it, I think what he means is "Don't get weighed down by the preparation, don't let the fact that you've no bread put you off going, no clean shirt? - just crack on with it!". Certainly Luke 9 isn't filled with the complaints of returning hungry and dirty disciples, rather they "went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere".

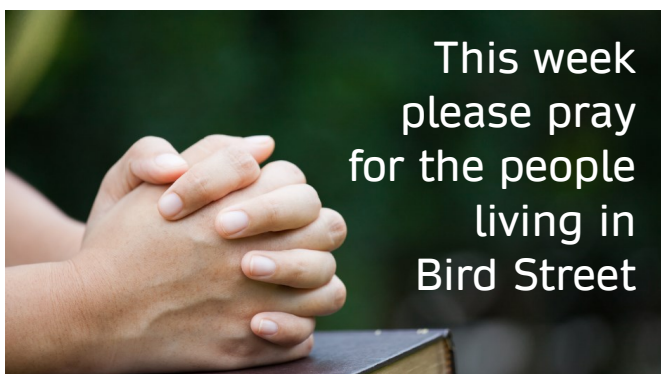
I reckon it's all about trust and faith. Jesus sent them out. God provided. Mission accomplished.

This weekend we pray for our teams as they set foot onto the streets of Preston, for some it will have been a while. We trust that God provides for their journey around town, that people meet and welcome Jesus into their lives, we pray for conversations, leading to actions. We trust and have faith. Jesus is sending us out.

(But we're still taking our rucksacks and will have a clean shirt on..!)



A family in the parish are looking for someone who can take on some short term child care from September 2021. This would be paid work but you would need to have current DBS check, references and some experience. Please contact the church office if you are interested in finding out more.



This week
please pray
for the people
living in
Bird Street

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