

# Church Without Walls

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## 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](mailto:andrewpratt1@btinternet.com) for an invitation

We asked you what changes you are making to help protect the environment...



*'Did you know that 1.5 billion toothpaste tubes go into landfill or the ocean each year? And they can take from 5 – 700 years to dissolve.*

*So we have switched to using tablets in a refillable jar. More info from PARLA (you may have seen them pitch on Dragon's Den!).'*



Click here  
to join us  
on Sunday  
morning  
at 10.30  
on YouTube



Join us for zoom coffee after the service

Earl Grey? Cappuccino? Green tea? Black coffee? Have whatever you want to drink, sit in your favourite chair and enjoy a chat with your lovely church family. We meet via zoom every Sunday morning from 11.40. The link is sent in the weekly email that comes with this newsletter, but it's the same each week.



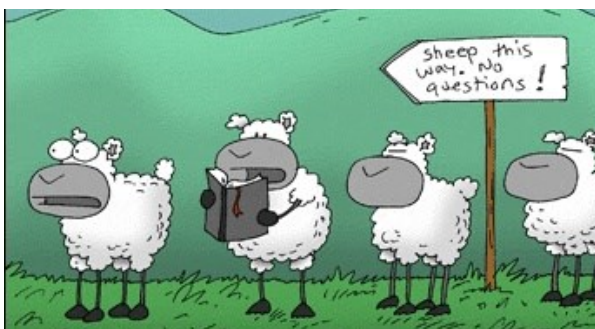
## OUR TODDLER GROUP IS STARTING UP AGAIN ON 14TH JUNE

We're very excited about this - it feels like a very long time since we've been able to meet. We will meet outside in the car park (weather permitting) from 1– 2.30pm every Monday afternoon, starting on 14th June. The cost will be 50p per family, and you will need to bring refreshments for yourself and your child, as we are not yet able to provide food or drink.

Because of Covid we will need to restrict numbers, so booking is essential. You will need to book by contacting the office on 01772 491900 or [church@ststephenspreston.org.uk](mailto:church@ststephenspreston.org.uk) before 12noon on the Friday before the day you wish to come.

As we are using the car park, please park on Broadgate or in the layby behind the church building. Please don't park on the streets around the church, as we don't want to inconvenience our neighbours.

**Please don't come if either you or your child have any Covid symptoms**



HERE IT IS, "LED LIKE A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER" ... WHAT THE HECK IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

The office will be closed next week (7th - 11th June) as Alison is on holiday. This issue of Church Without Walls covers 2 weeks. If you want to book to come along in person to the morning service on 13th June please email Pat ([pat.pinder@ststephenspreston.org.uk](mailto:pat.pinder@ststephenspreston.org.uk))

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LEARNING TO LOVE AS JESUS DOES

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## News from Craig and Elaine Watson, who took our World Focus Sunday a weeks back:

The end is in sight. Indeed, we are busily planning for the start of the new academic year already. Timetables are being written, classes are being handed over and recruitment is well underway. This year we have developed our recruitment process to better reflect our stated mission: "To provide excellent education, primarily for the Christian mission community and Nepali school communities, based on biblical values. Through KISC's international K-12 school and EQUIP teacher training programme, students and staff will positively impact their world." As a result of this new approach we have had a very high level of applications for the posts we have on offer. In the first week alone, we received over 200 applications from qualified teachers from around the world. We are still working our way through all the posts, and despite the disruption that the current second wave of Covid is causing in Nepal, we are still steadily recruiting staff.

We are particularly looking forward to introducing into the Secondary School, French and German courses to go alongside Spanish in our languages provision. The provision of teachers to teach these languages opens up the opportunity for IGCSEs and AS - A Levels in all three of these subjects, in addition to the continuing internally assessed provision of Korean and Nepali.



We continue to give thanks for the support that the HDCS hospitals are receiving from around the world and we pray that they may be places of hope and comfort, even in the darkest of moments, to the communities they serve. It has been heart-warming to see how students and staff in KISC; Primary, Secondary and EQUIP, have sought to provide

support through encouragement and action to help out at this time. At this time, those who are in Nepal are applying the proverb: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness" as they seek to be the light of the world, following in the footsteps of Christ.

Craig says: "in Nepal, the lockdown has become even stricter, with virtual house arrest apart from fresh fruit and veg, and milk, purchases in a defined two hour window during the day. This very severe lockdown, being enforced with arrests and large fines, is an attempt to stem the spread of Covid which is taking a heavy toll. Please pray for KISC's international staff who are now faced with the likelihood that they will not be able to return to their home countries for the summer break, and are facing an uncertain future isolated from each other until the current restrictions are lifted. Also pray for the Nepali staff who are seeing people die of Covid in their communities, churches and in some cases their own families."

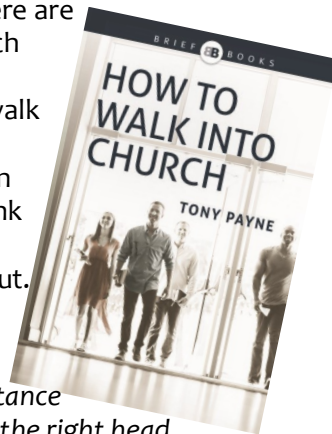
Walking into church is a much more complicated and important subject than it first appears. There are countless different ways to walk into church - walking in with different attitudes or expectations or obligations. How do you walk into church?

The answer to that not-so-simple question will largely be determined by what you think church is, and what you think you're doing there. That's what this little book is all about.

*This book is a great idea. It's wonderfully practical, helpful, and relevant. Tony has given us a necessary reminder on the importance of walking into church with the right heart, the right head, and the right spirit.*

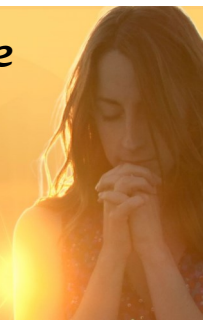
~ Kevin DeYoung  
Senior Pastor, University Reformed Church (East Lansing, Michigan, USA)

[You can find this book here reduced to only £2.72](#)



"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."  
- Martin Luther

This week please  
pray for the  
people living in  
Tay Street  
& Tyne Street



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