

Church Without Walls

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Thank you to everyone who has contributed to purchasing a Pulse Guard for Alice. We now have just over £600 in total out of the £870 needed. If you had intended to make a contribution but haven't got around to doing so, the good news is that there is still time to give! If you would like to make a gift

towards the cost of this please send your donation to: sort code 40-37-25 (HSBC) account no 30724645 and put "Alice" in the description field. You can find out more about this equipment here: <https://pulseguard.org/>

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Our Buildings may be closed...

...but the Church is Alive

In various places around the world Churches have joined together to sing God's blessing over their nation using words from the book of Numbers.



You can listen to UK Churches singing this blessing over our country and people [here](#)

*The LORD bless you
and keep you;
the LORD make his
face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his
face toward you
and give you peace.*

Nam 6:24-26

Mark Ellery has discovered this information which will be of interest to many of us:

LCC has just published the advance notice that at some point between 11th May and 14th August they will be resurfacing the whole length of Broadgate.

(Broadgate is just one street in a seven page list covering the whole county so we may not get more specific dates.)



This week please
pray for the
people living in
Colman Court

Email Dave for a zoom invitation to
compline at 8pm Monday-Thursday

vicardave@ststephenspreston.org.uk

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

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Friday 8th May is VE Day

A collaboration of Cathedrals around the country (including Blackburn Cathedral) have united behind the Big Picnic for Hope Project to give us an opportunity to remember heroes past & present.



The Big Picnic for Hope is an opportunity for us all to be part of a virtual get together, to help honour heroes past and present.

Many of us would have been commemorating the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on May 8th. Families and friends would have been gathering for street parties and celebrations around the UK, which unfortunately is no longer possible.

However, even in the current lockdown we can still come together to recognise this date through our 'Big Picnic for Hope' by having a picnic at home & sharing photos and stories on social media.

The Big Picnic for Hope also allows us to celebrate the heroes of our new 'homefront'. Those risking their lives, the NHS, carers, delivery personnel, workers across food stores or public transport, and the remarkable collective effort of the nation to stay home and play our own individual part in helping to see this through.

At the heart of the Big Picnic for Hope is a reflection that around the country many people will not be as fortunate at this time with many struggling to put food on the table. The #feed5000 hashtag reflects the project's aim to raise £5000 for the Trussell Trust, who support a nationwide network of food banks and provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty. With a rise in the number of people who are using foodbanks nationally, and the future uncertain as to how many people will have to adjust to more difficult living conditions around the country, the Big Picnic for Hope aims to ask those who can to donate towards providing another individual or family having food in their house today.

Share photos of your picnic on your social media on the 8th May using the hashtag #bigpicnicforhope and support our just giving campaign using the hashtag #feed5000



A Festival of Hope brings together the renowned All Souls Orchestra and Choir along with international recording artists in some of the most powerful content performed in the Royal Albert Hall over the past 10 years.

Hosted by artistic director and principal conductor, Michael Andrews, from his home in London, and with a message from Hugh Palmer, rector of all souls Langham Place. This includes previously unseen all souls Orchestra archival segments and a spectacular virtual choir and orchestra, gathering hundreds from around the world.

[Click here to listen to the Virtual Prom Praise Concert.](#)



Riddles:

What kind of lights did Noah use on the Ark?
Who is the greatest babysitter in the Bible?

Do you know?

Which Bible character was mocked because he was bald?

Answers to Do You Know? & Riddles next week