

Church Without Walls

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THY KINGDOM COME

21st—31st May

"They all joined together constantly in prayer" Acts 1v14

Sign up to pray for half an hour on either Friday 29 May or Saturday 30 May in the 24/7 virtual prayer room. We plan to have continuous prayer from 8am until 8pm on both days so we will need 48 people to sign to commit to half an hour each. You can choose what time slot you would like and there will be a prayer guide to help you pray through those 30 minutes.

[Sign up for a 30 min slot here](#)

The #ThyKingdomCome App is available now to download from Google Store and I-Tunes!

The award-winning app is full of the daily videos, Bible readings, reflections, podcasts from Professor NT Wright and a special section for your 'Pray for 5'.

Download the [Apple version here](#) and the [Android version here](#).

The Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map and App is also available to download. [Find out more here](#).

A Collect for Thy Kingdom Come

Come, O Spirit of God,
And make within us your dwelling place and home.
May our darkness be dispelled by your light,
And our troubles calmed by your peace;
May all evil be redeemed by your love,
All pain transformed through the sufferings of Christ,
And all dying glorified in his risen life.
Amen

This week please
pray for the
people living in
Bird Street



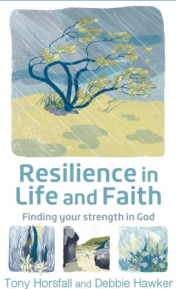
We are worshipping together
every Sunday at 10.30am

Click here to join us on our
YouTube channel



A Book Review from Mike Edmondson:

'Resilience in Life and Faith' (Finding your strength in God) by Tony Horsfall & Debbie Hawker



This book was promoted when Debbie Hawker spoke at St Stephen's several months ago. She writes as a clinical psychologist and along with her husband supports cross-cultural workers and their families around the world. This book intersperses case studies of Biblical characters such as Elijah and Nehemiah, with chapters looking at matters such as 'Spiritual aspects of resilience' and 'Social and systematic aspects of resilience.' There is an academic substance to the book but presented in a very practical and easy to understand way. Highly recommended, especially to those who are 'struggling' in these 'unprecedented times'. Primarily meant for Christians, those who are not unsympathetic might also derive a benefit from reading the book.

If you would like to borrow a copy of this book please contact Mike

Have you read a good book lately? Why not send us a review.

Answers to last week's Do You Know? & Riddle

Who was the best mathematician in the Bible?
Moses – he wrote the book of Numbers

Which Queen refused to appear before her husband, the king?
Queen Vashti (Esther 1 v 12)

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

A wonderful initiative, especially for those not on the internet.

Those who phone Daily Hope will first hear a greeting from Archbishop Welby before being offered a range of prayers, hymns, and liturgy, including the Church of England's weekly national online service, and advice about the coronavirus.

Options available include materials also made available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer, updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England online service.

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love' provides a hymn and reflection.

Single-Friendly Church



Lockdown isn't easy for anyone, but even less so if you live alone. If this is you, have a look at the Single-Friendly Church YouTube channel - there are tips for staying connected to God and to others from a number of Christians who also live alone.

[You can find the channel here](#)

A message from David Hargreaves who was due to be ordained in June

The Bishop of Blackburn has decided to delay the ordination services which had been planned for 27th June. The plan now is that we will all be Licensed as Lay Workers on schedule on or about Saturday 27th June, something that can be done over Zoom. I'll then start helping at Barrowford St Thomas's and Newchurch-in-Pendle St Mary's in whatever way I can.

The service to ordain us as Deacons is now planned for **10.30am on Saturday 26th September** in Blackburn Cathedral. Whether we are allowed unlimited attendance or numbers will be severely curtailed is of course totally down to the state of the country at the time, but I'm sure the church will err on the cautious, safe side. I'll clarify the situation nearer the time.



Mike Edmondson has sent us some jokes:

Who is the largest female in the Bible?

The woman of Samaria

Who was the smallest prophet in the Bible?

Nehemiah (Kneehigh...)

Why was Goliath so surprised when David's stone hit him?

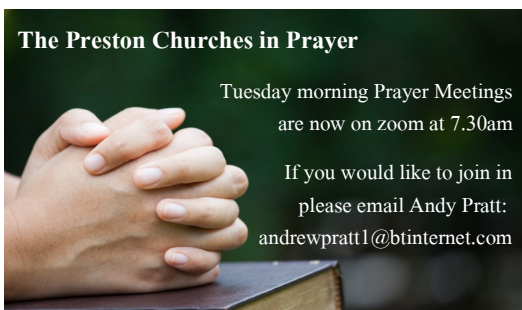
Because such a thing had never entered his head before.



The Preston Churches in Prayer

Tuesday morning Prayer Meetings are now on zoom at 7.30am

If you would like to join in please email Andy Pratt: andrewpratt1@btinternet.com



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