

# Church Without Walls

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Alongside other faith groups we are involved in our parish through Community Connectors. If you want to know more about how this is working have a look at [this article](#)

**Please pray...**

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity (1 Tim 2 v 1-2)

Pray for Britain and for our Government

Pray for America—for Race relations and for the protests

Pray for all nations to recover from the effects of Covid 19



Email Dave for an invitation to Compline on zoom at 8pm Monday-Thursday  
[vicardave@ststephenspreston.org.uk](mailto:vicardave@ststephenspreston.org.uk)



**Food Bank**

More people are finding they need to rely on Food Banks in these difficult times.



Michael Edmondson has offered to collect any donations of food and deliver them to the Food Bank (taking care to adhere to the Social Distancing advice). All non-perishable foods are accepted, including baby food and formula milk. Please contact Mike if you are able to donate.

**Scatter the Gospel Seed!**



Roger Carswell sees the lockdown as an opportunity for the gospel.  
[Listen to his ideas here](#)

If you want to do something similar to Roger, 10 of Those have a variety of tracts and postcards available, including [this pack](#) at a reduced price. See more at [10ofthose.com](http://10ofthose.com)

“Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.” (Ecclesiastes 11:6.)

This week please pray for the people living in Tyne Street



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What is it like to be part of 12 hours of continuous prayer over two days?

We asked for feedback from the St Stephen's church family and here are some of their comments...



## Malcolm & Sue:

"We have been praying together daily, throughout the lockdown, about all areas of

Covid-19, but we were beginning to feel that after 10 weeks our prayers were becoming extremely repetitive.

The prayer guide gave our joint prayer life new impetus. We did some of the prayers on our own, then joined together at certain points.

It has really refreshed our prayer time and we will continue to use it, interspersed with others, until the Lord leads us out of this chaos."



## Mike:

"Prayer from an individual can be like a ripple. A series of ripples merge to form a wave."  
*'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'*

1 Thessalonians 5 v 16 - 18

## Fiona:

"I really enjoyed the opportunity to pray for a concentrated half hour period. The guide sheet helped me focus and I appreciated being able to sing and read the Psalms."

## Andy:

"The continuous prayer time had a great sense of togetherness, even though I was on my own, I felt like I was part of a greater thing where the whole church was praying together.

I felt a great sense of togetherness praying for God's kingdom to come."



## Johnson:

"I never thought that I could pray for half an hour, as I usually pray in five- or 10-minute snatches. So prior to booking my slot, I actually prayed about praying, and the answer eventually came to me that if I can hold a conversation for an hour or more, on the telephone to my friend Sue, why can't I hold a conversation with God for half an hour!

It surprised me how fast the half-hour went. I hope and pray that there has been some effect on the people I was praying for, my family."



## Phil:

'I enjoyed being part of God's worldwide family in prayer, the helpful material and the application of God's word



## Joan:

"Just wanted to say, that I was very moved by this. I think for me washing my hands during the ritual of prayer, made it more special and deeper."



## Val:

"One of the things which God reminded me of was in the last part, where we hand the things we have prayed about to the Father and, in trust, leave them with Him to work out.

We all know that, I guess, but there are times when the Spirit ministers it to us in a time of prayer – there is wonderful release and it leads to worship. I can't really express it in words except as part of the Spirit's ministry to us."



## Lesley:

"It was good to begin with the reminder from Psalm 46 that God tells us to, 'Be still and know that I am God' and that God is our refuge, strength and ever-present help. It was helpful to pray for others, through the Prayer Guide, in the context of these truths."

