

# Church Without Walls

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnxhZGnnZw8&feature=youtu.be>

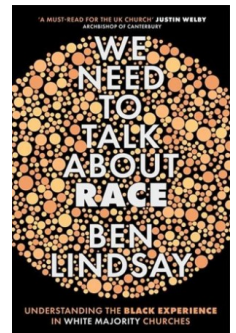


## We Need To Talk About Race - Ben Lindsay

From the UK Church's complicity in the transatlantic slave trade to the whitewashing of Christianity throughout history, the Church has a lot to answer for when it comes to race relations. Christianity has been dubbed the white man's religion, yet the Bible speaks of an impartial God and shows us a diverse body of believers.

It's time for the Church to start talking about race.

Ben Lindsay offers eye-opening insights into the black religious experience, challenging the status quo in white majority churches. Filled with examples from real-life stories, including his own, and insightful questions, this book offers a comprehensive analysis of race relations in the Church in the UK and shows us how we can work together to create a truly inclusive church community.



<https://www.10ofthose.com/uk/products/25805/we-need-to-talk-about>

## Prayer in Parliament - Tuesday 30th June



Every year, over 700 MPs, Peers and church leaders gather together in the Houses of Parliament to pray for our Parliament, government and politics, to build relationships between church leaders and their local MPs, and to reflect upon the relevance of the Christian faith to our public life.

This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast will take place online and will be livestreamed from 8.30 - 9.00am on Tuesday 30th June. The event will be chaired by Marsha de Cordova MP and the main speaker will be the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, who will address the theme of 'Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering'.

If you would like to attend this prayer breakfast the event is free, but you will need to [register via Eventbrite](#) in order to receive access. For more information [visit the website here](#).



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Email Dave for a zoom invitation to  
compline at 8pm Monday—Thursday  
[vicardave@ststephenspreston.org.uk](mailto:vicardave@ststephenspreston.org.uk)

## Settling In To Watch Church

A suggestion from Hannah Gaskell

It has been lovely to see the Facebook post promoting the Sunday service with a family getting ready to watch church.

I thought, wouldn't it be a good to see how our church family settle in ready to watch the service. We could do this by taking a photo of your Sunday church time to put on Facebook when we post the YouTube link for Sunday? If you would like to get involved why not send a photo of you "settling in to watch church" to the office?

They'll post a different picture each week.

If you can take the photo in a way that shows the service on the screen that would be great, but we know that's not always possible, so send us whatever you can.

Send your pictures to:

[administrator@ststephenspreston.org.uk](mailto:administrator@ststephenspreston.org.uk)

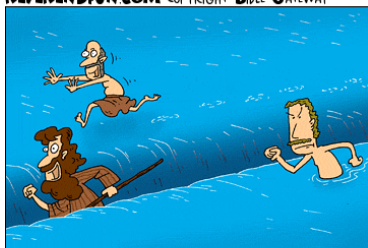


Please be aware that photos will be used on Facebook and on Church Without Walls (which will be on our web site) If you're not happy for your photo to be used in these ways, please state this when you send it.

## 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

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## Pray through 2020

In 2020 churches and ministries are working together for an intentional, strategic and Spirit-filled year of mission across the UK.

HOPE Together has launched prayer 2020 as part of this, to encourage Christians to pray on the 20th of each month at 2020 for 20 minutes. You can [Read more about this here](#)



A prayer for Saturday 20th June:

*God of all generations, we thank you for every young person that has put their trust in you. We pray that they would be given confidence and boldness to share their story with their friends. Give them support through family, friends and youth leaders to enable them to follow in your ways (John 14:6).*



Bike for Bibles



Register now to join Bike for Bibles on 19 September 2020.

## From The Bible Society:

Back in February, we shared exciting plans for our [Bike for Bibles](#) fundraising event on 19 September 2020. Just a few weeks later, the country went into lockdown and we soon realised we would need to change the plans to comply with government guidelines and social distancing requirements.

Thankfully, every cloud has a silver lining! Whilst many of you might have wanted to take part but felt unable to join us in Wiltshire, **you can now take part in Bike for Bibles wherever you are.** Whether you don the jersey and do the ride, sponsor a cyclist, or pray for the event and those longing for a Bible, we're so grateful for your contribution.

You can [read all the up-to-date information and register to take part here.](#)

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