

Church Without Walls

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A message from David Hargreaves:

Thank you so much for all your prayers, thoughts and best wishes over the last week and particularly today, as I moved to the next stage of the process towards ordination. The service during which the Bishop of Burnley licensed me and my eleven colleagues took place this morning over Zoom and was quite a surreal experience. Yet, it was most definitely a joyous act of worship and a moving occasion for us all.

In more settled times, many of you would have present at Blackburn Cathedral to witness the service. This of course was not possible today, to my regret and sorrow. However, if you wish to share the occasion with me and my fellow ordinands, it is now available on the Diocesan Facebook site. Just follow this link:

[You can watch the service here:](#)

When prompted, you will need to enter the password which is: **8D@%2&v1**

May I wish you all well as we slowly emerge from lockdown and adjust to the "new normal". I trust it will not be long before we are sharing worship together again.

God bless

David



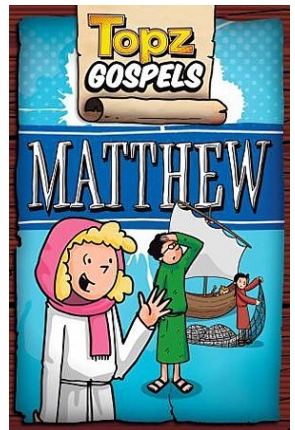
Click here to join us for worship
at 10.30 on Sunday morning

Send us a photo showing how
you watch the service to
administrator@ststephenspreston.org.uk

Julia Bell has sent this link:

Do you know any children who are up for a Bible adventure? Share this free audio reading of Topz Gospels, Matthew with them and they can travel back in time with the Topz gang to Bible times. Best of all, they'll hear about special miracles and learn the meaning behind favourite Bible stories.

Go to connectedalways.cwr.org.uk/free-resources/ and scroll down to the kids section.



The PulseGuard came this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who donated money towards it. Alice's seizures have got increasingly worse over lockdown and she's now on the top dose for her weight. The PulseGuard will alert me when she's having a seizure in her sleep but will also give a good idea of what's happened while she's sleeping.

Lindsay

Andy Pratt will be leading compline
this week on zoom at 8pm Mon-Thurs

If you've not joined us before
please email Andy for an invite
(previous participants will get
an automatic invite)

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Unity streets Event - An opportunity to celebrate community with neighbours while still physical distancing.



[Click here to see a poster with suggestions for this event on Sunday 26th July.](#)

Get together with your neighbours to celebrate your community



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



Talking HOPE -

stories to encourage you

It's been described as the 'Top Gear' of Christian chat shows! There's a fair amount

of friendly banter as well as inspiring stories from a great line-up of guests on Talking HOPE. You can watch previous episodes [here](#).

Join the HOPE team for the next instalment every Monday at 8pm on [Facebook Live](#) @HopeTogether

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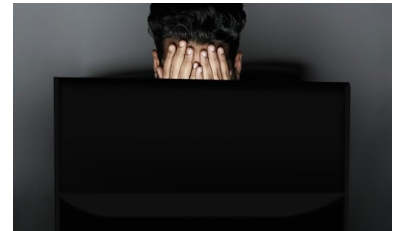
Remember to give this number to anyone you know who would appreciate being able to hear a message of hope at this time



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Some good things have come out of Covid-19 Read how some of Crosslinks' mission partners have benefitted.

Screen fatigue has hit hard! The day when we don't have to use Zoom anymore can't come soon enough. But what about the mission partner?



'One advantage of the pandemic is that we have become better connected to our friends and partner churches. Normally we feel the 5,000 miles that stretches between us but this period has created opportunities to connect. We've enjoyed Skype and Zoom meetings, we've featured in online services, Josh has even preached for UK churches in a way that would not be possible under normal circumstances.' (Josh and Cathy Hooker, Namibia)

'This time has enabled us to feel really close to our UK partners - we have loved the messages, the WhatsApp, the contact...' (Rachael and Bernie Muluuta, Uganda)

Read more about this [here](#)

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

No, just an apple.

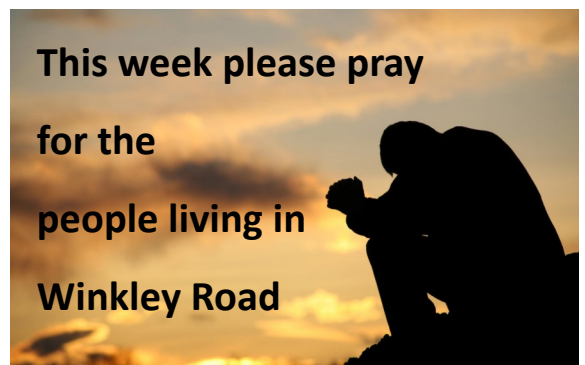
Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.



This week please pray

**for the
people living in
Winkley Road**



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