

Church Without Walls

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Open The Book

Due to Covid 19 restrictions the Open the Book team are unable to go into schools to do assemblies. So, last Monday we got together in Val's garden to record an assembly for St Stephen's school (this was before the current restrictions came into place). We had a lot of fun doing it and learnt lessons which will help us when we record our next assembly.



The children are unable to meet together in the hall so they watched the video in their classrooms and apparently enjoyed it.

Please continue to pray for the team in these unprecedented times.

Give thanks for Louise's skill in editing and for the whole team being willing to step out of their comfort zones and do things differently.



Our next recording will probably be on Monday 5th October, so please pray for good weather.



Click here to join us on
YouTube on
Sunday morning at 10.30

Important dates for your diaries:

Monthly zoom Prayer meeting - Monday 5th Oct at 7.30pm. Please [email the office](#) for a link.

Our APCM will be held on Monday 26th Oct at 7.30pm in the church building

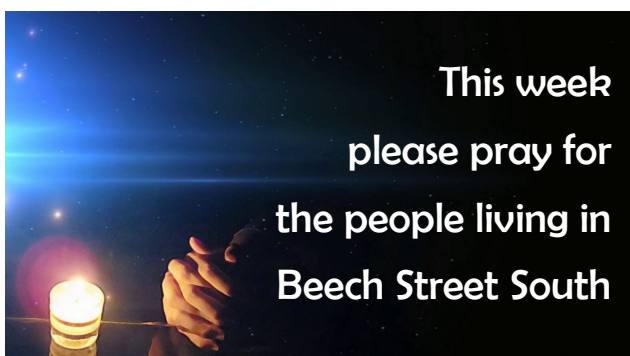
On Monday 28th Sept at 6pm, there will be a webinar aimed at supporting refugees in Lancashire



This has been arranged by Preston City of Sanctuary. Many refugees, although residents now, have experienced intimidation and abuse, and the intention is to flag up where and with whom they can find

support. It will be good for them to experience that support directly too, via your virtual presence

For details of how to join this event, please get in touch with [Rebecca Novell](#), who is the Refugee Community Development Commissioner within the refugee integration team: RebeccaJoy.Novell@lancashire.gov.uk



This week
please pray for
the people living in
Beech Street South



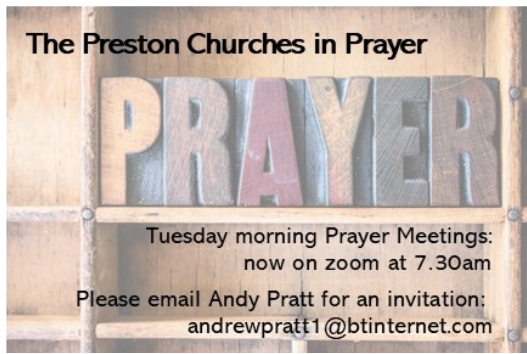
DO YOUR BIT.

Help us stop the spread of coronavirus in Preston.

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

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A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Zoom Warriors

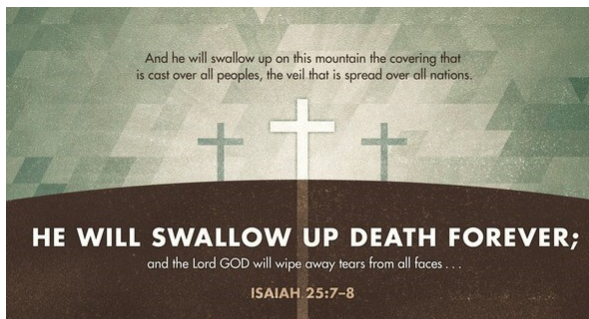
Every Monday at 7pm a group of young people get together on zoom. Ranging from school years 5 to 9; they are **'Zoom Warriors'**



Last week they were learning about faith being like a mustard seed, and they planted some seeds to help them understand this. Next Monday's theme is love - so there may be a few love hearts around. Meeting online means they can enjoy games and quizzes, and have fun together without any risk from Covid.

Each week they look at a different part of the Bible, pray together and enjoy fellowship.

Please pray for our young people and their leaders as they help each other deal with everyday life in unprecedented times.



We will be providing the morning service for Blackburn Diocese this Sunday



This will be our usual morning service but it will



be shown on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#) at 9am as well as on [our own channel](#) at 10.30

A Notice from Preston Council

Following recent government announcement, restrictions for Preston are:

- You cannot have others in your homes and gardens
- You cannot visit other people's homes or gardens, even if they are in an unaffected area
- You are not permitted to mix with other households in indoor venues (including homes, bars, restaurants and cafes).
- Hospitality for food and drink must operate table service only.
- Leisure and entertainment venues must close between 10pm and 5am

Residents are also advised to follow the below guidelines to further reduce the spread of the virus:

- You should not socialise with other people outside of their own household or support bubble in all outdoor public spaces
- Only use public transport for essential journeys - such as travelling to school or work. A face covering must be worn on public transport unless you are exempt
- Residents are advised against attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as spectators

Exceptions to the ban on having others in your home are:

- To provide emergency assistance
- To attend a birth at the mother's request
- To visit a person who is dying
- To fulfil a legal obligation
- For work, volunteering or charitable purposes
- For education or training purposes
- For the purposes of childcare for children under 14
- To provide care or assistance to a vulnerable person
- To facilitate a house move (including viewing a property)
- To continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children where the children do not live in the same household as one or more of their parents.
- Government have announced that people looking after children under the age of 14 are exempt from the ban on mixing households. (Please note this covers formal/informal childcare, not playdates or parties.)

[Read more here](#)

