

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus name, I hope this finds you well. Waiting is hard, especially when we don't know how long it will be - 'how long O Lord' cries the Psalmist. But Jesus says we can wait faithfully - being watchful, prayerful, active in his service, keeping our eyes on him, and not fretting over our needs because our heavenly Father knows them already, and will provide for us (Matthew 6)

- We had a lovely time of \*prayer\* on Wednesday at 12 noon, this will be a recurring thing at 12 noon each Wednesday. To join the meeting go to the Zoom website, and join Meeting ID 569 716 4315 (or 'Mark Felsteads Personal Meeting Room'), and the Password is 836009 if you are prompted for one. You will need a Zoom account to join, but it is very easy to sign up for this - go to zoom.us.

- There will be another \*Quiz\* next Thursday 7th May, 6.30-8pm, do join us if you can, we'll send out the link for this next week.

- For \*Sunday\*, the service will be streamed live as usual from the Preston Plucknett Youtube channel <https://tinyurl.com/wgkrpq>. Please do share this with your family & friends, on Facebook etc. - there are many stories around the UK of people using online services to check out a church, and take the first tentative steps of faith. Searches for 'prayer' on Google have risen sharply since the lockdown, and God is still longing for people to seek and find Him.

Attached are a couple of things for Sundays worship, a \*children's activity pack for families\*, and a '\*Church Essentials' sheet for everyone\* - please do have a look at this before Sunday, and pick a \*maximum of 5\* things from the list you think that are essential to the church.

There'll also be a chatroom from 7-8pm on Tuesday for more in-depth discussion of the sermon and anything that comes out of it. This is an experiment, if nobody turns up then we might review it!! Please use this link to join us for that: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6261684940>

- Daily Prayer podcasts continue here: <https://anchor.fm/pjs/>. We're following the 'Daily Bread' bible reading notes, if you would like your own copy of these to follow along, please contact Ruth.

Please keep the families of Jim and Marion Taylor, and of Sheila Abbott, in your prayers. Sheila and Basil Abbott were members of our church a

few years ago, and Sheila died a few days ago in West Abbey care home. Please do keep praying for West Abbey and the staff and residents there, during what is a very difficult and painful time.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has started giving to our 'virtual collection' via the Givt app. Here are the QR codes for each church (if you know how to use them!), alternatively you can find St James or St Peters in the list of churches on Givt, and give to us that way.

St James Givt QR code St Peters Givt QR code

"Jesus came and stood among them and said 'Peace be with you' (John 20:19)

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

PS if you are on Facebook, the Keen family are doing a sponsored exercise bike ride tomorrow to raise money for TEAR Fund, to help churches in the poorest countries in the world respond to the challenge of coronavirus, details are here if you want to find out more or to support the cause: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1111803862498039/>

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