

Dear Friends,

It's June! We hope you were able to join us on Pentecost Sunday (still available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMdfimfYSRE>), and we keep praying for God to pour out His Spirit on us, our town, and our nation. We've been reminded by events at home and in the USA that sin has not gone away, that our world is still in desperate need of Jesus and the truth, love and peace he brings.

A few bits of news, links etc.

Thank you to everyone who took part in *Thy Kingdom Come*, lots of people signed up to prayer slots throughout the 10 days, and posted prayers in the churchyard. We'd like a bit of feedback to help us review how it went:

FEEDBACK ON 'THY KINGDOM COME' 2020

1. Which resources (printed, online, set times of prayer, churchyard prayer stations...) helped you to pray?
 2. What was important for you in these 10 days of prayer?
 3. What else do you think could help you pray in this season?
- We'd love you to share your answers to these questions or any other feedback - email them to Mark on mfelstead13@icloud.com

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****Virtual Assemblies***: have restarted for the new half term, you can find todays here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUE7KilUgf4>

Our regular *Parish Prayers* at 12 noon on Wednesday continues weekly following Thy Kingdom Come. Click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5697164315>, Meeting ID: 569 716 4315, Password: 836009.

St Peters Gift Day: we are looking at holding a Gift Day for St Peters on Petertide (Sunday 28th June), to fund the final set of refurbishments on St Peters, including a full heating system, window blinds, treating the floor and several other improvements. More details soon, but it makes sense to get this work done whilst we are out of the church, so we would like to raise the funds in June so we can do the work in July.

As the lockdown is slowly released, we are aware that *restrictions on church buildings* may start being lifted. We will keep you posted on this - progress is likely to be slow, and anything like 'normal' worship and gathering is still a long way off. The first stage is likely to be use for personal prayer, and small ceremonies for weddings and funerals.

Even once this is announced, it may take some time to get the church buildings ready for use.

For those who have asked, here are the bank *details for both churches*. If you usually give by envelope or cash and are able to give through the bank, that would be really helpful. Our monthly income is down about £500 at St Peters since lockdown, and about £2000 per month at St James.

St Peters Church Westfield Sort Code 20-99-40, Account No 20774642
Parochial Church Council of Preston Plucknett, Account no: 80649309 ,
Sort code: 40-47-28. (St James)

The book of Acts ends with Paul under house arrest - confined to his home - in Rome, yet "boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ." (Act 28:30) May God work through us in the same way.

yours in Christ

David and Ruth

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