

WEEKLY PRAISE AND PRAYER

Week beginning 10.05.20



- for the opportunity to work more closely with clients who now feel more able to engage
- for the way in which local agencies are working together and pray this momentum will continue post COVID-19

- It seems the Church family are coping well with lockdown, with challenges of course, but trusting God and looking out for one another, family and neighbours.
- Technology is allowing us to connect with each other and the community in ways that would have been impossible a decade ago
- A sense of unity across churches all over the country, and desire to keep reaching out with the gospel

For all the churches who are continuing to share the good news of Jesus during lockdown, as the Guardian reports 1 in 4 adults have tuned into a religious service during this time. We thank God for this amazing opportunity to reach our friends and neighbours.

- We have begun weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings and about 12 were able to join the first one on Friday. It was a blessed time.
- Martin has begun a blog "REV MARTIN LBC" which he hopes to update weekly. It can be accessed at exquisitelbc.blogspot.com

- for the decreasing impact of Covid-19, and for the amazing way the Hospitals and keyworkers have met the challenges. that, according to the "New Statesman" April 27th, there is a worldwide spiritual awareness happening since the current pandemic, with millions of Bibles downloaded and sold in March.



PRAY

for our partners around the world, including Vachan Trust in India, providing emergency food rations:

"Pavitra is a widow. She and her children have been eating just one Indian Bread with salt mixed in water. She thanked God for bringing the help as we served the rations packets and she just could not hold herself. I saw the hungry and starving faces of her Children. Thank God now they have food for two weeks or more now."

- for all members of our community involved with mental health related issues
- that people will be able to access the support they need from services through Zoom, Skype or telephone

- last week seemed to be a bigger hurdle for a lot of people, for all sorts of reasons. Hopefully the signalling of reduced restrictions will help
- that the opportunities and contacts made online will become real fruit for the kingdom
- for those in our church family still working, and those coping with new arrangements from home, including home schooling etc

- that the spiritual awakening caused by the pandemic will be used mightily by God.
- for all those involved in the admin of all our churches which has to continue even though the churches are shut.
- for our local councillors and the Government, that they will be given wisdom and work together in unity.