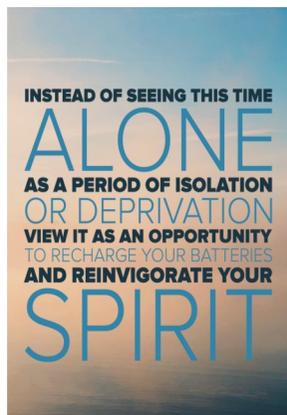


**Worship** Worship, prayer and meditations from circuit staff are available each day on the circuit Facebook page, [face-book.com/watlingst](https://www.facebook.com/watlingst).

Radio Lancashire also broadcast a Sunday service at 8am each week as part of a national wireless congregation. This Easter there are lots of programmes on TV and Radio!

BBC Radio 4 broadcasts a Daily Service at 9:45am (Long Wave and DAB only) and Sundays at 8:10am on FM. Premier radio and UCB are also available on DAB/online.



### Week 3 of "stay at home"

This week we have seen some completed jigsaws! Yes, congrats to Sue and Steph who have completed the 'Flying Scotsman' and to the Abson clan who managed a 28 piece jigsaw by all mucking in.



Thanks also to Pete and Maureen who are posting a hymn of the day with accompanying video (and sometimes singing!). We've also had video clips of a certain Steward drumming!

Baking still continues in the Pettitt household with Chelsea making some buns. (look very tasty!)



Valerie and Andrew messaged to say that they had taken part in a torchlight evening with others nearby to remember those that have died recently.

Thanks also to Rachel Atkinson keeps us entertained with her monkeys adventures and also for her prayers and poem readings.

Don't forget to call and check up on each other, it's a tough time for lots of people, pick up the phone, people are always in!

Don't forget



From Simon!

**People keep asking me, "Is COVID-19 REALLY that serious?"**  
Listen y'all, the casinos and church's are closed. When Heaven and Hell AGREE on the same thing, it's probably pretty serious.



## How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

Psalm 137v4

Defeated Israelites in captivity sit by a river in Babylon and remember their previous life and wonder how they can praise God in this strange land. Cut off from their faith community what shall they do? Ultimately the question is 'Is God still with them in this place?'

We find ourselves in a strange land, no gathered community, no buildings to attend and in our homes only able to go in very specific circumstances. So we need new ways to gather, new ways to be a faith community. We need new ways to worship and offer care to each other.

We are doing a lot to connect. With emails, WhatsApp, letters, phone calls and face time (don't worry if some of those things mean little to you). The circuit staff are producing daily reflections on Facebook and Sunday worship. God is still with us in this place – wherever our place is. Even though we are apart physically we are joined to each other by our faith in Christ and our bonds of love and care.

The bottom line is that God is with us wherever we are and we **are** learning singing the Lord's song in a strange land of lockdown.

Wherever you are stay safe and stay well and God Bless until we are back together.

Rev Barbara

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### Prayers

“  
May today there be peace within.  
May you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.  
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.  
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance.  
It is there for each and every one of you.  
Amen.”

TERESA OF ÁVILA

Shared by Rachel Rackley