

April 2021

Hi

It will be no surprise to you that the Covid situation that we are all going through has had an impact on our business not only in 2020 but into 2021. We have tried hard to ride the financial implications that it has had on our business but unfortunately we cannot continue to support the business any longer, our reserve funds are depleted. Since we re-opened in June 2020 the customer footfall in the shop has been consistently low and has never recovered to the levels needed to successfully run a retail business.

Like many other retailers we rely on our Christmas sales to tide us over the leaner months of the year but with the closure in November which is normally our busiest month we don't have those funds and then another lock down at the start of 2021 has made us review our options for the future.

A Christian Book Shop has been on Fox Street Preston for around 60 years so it is with a heavy heart the decision to close has been made. We have resourced the City and many parts of the North West with books, gifts, CD's and greeting cards and we have heard some of the feedback of how people have been blessed or challenged in their Christian walk through the items they have bought or received.

We developed our bookstall business going out to many events throughout the North West and even into Derbyshire as our reputation opened doors for us. We have supplied tens of thousands of bibles for school end of terms and we will never know the impact they will have on the children that received them but it has been great to be a part of the process.

We have had great staff working for us, we started with eleven but now we only have one. We started with two shops but the fire that took our shop in Lancaster reduced us to one. It's been a great adventure, ministry and business that God lead us into, we don't regret that even with all the challenges that we have been through. We have met some wonderful customers who have supported us over the years and it's been lovely to serve you all.

We are still taking orders for any items that are not currently in the shop but can be obtained from our suppliers; please continue to contact us for your supplies.

Once all the stock is sold, with many bargains to be had, we will close the doors for the last time unless you are aware of anybody who would like to take on and develop this ministry and business. We would love to meet them.

May we take this opportunity to thank all those who have been customers of ours; it has been a privilege getting to know you, especially the regulars who we will miss immensely, thank you for your support and encouragement.

Thank You and God Bless

Nigel & Kath Cope - Owners