

O Lord our God, we turn our face to you and plead with you to come to us earthly and often tormented people. May we find delight in the Lord Jesus Christ, through whom redemption is promised to us all. May your kingdom at last be revealed and everything change for the better even though we do not see it yet. May we always honour your name above all others, for you are our Father and we hold fast to your grace that lets us call you Father. In our troubled times grant us enduring faith that you can bring a new time when good shall at last emerge from all the distress. Grant that every broken and needy person may experience your help, your grace, and your salvation, and may know that these always surround us if only our eyes are open to see and recognise them. We thank and praise you at all times. Amen.

Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt (1842-1919)

Please pray for the chaplains at St Mary's Hospital. They are the only people apart from medical staff allowed to be with the very sick at the moment. Pray for them to have opportunities to talk to and pray with sick and frightened patients, and also staff and families.



If you missed **Andrea Bocelli** singing from Milan Cathedral on Easter Sunday, catch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huTUOek4LgU&feature=youtu.be>

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On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

John 20.19-20



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Please note! Items for 7/52 should be given to **Sally** by **midnight THURSDAY** on 641305 or email: ian.pratt5@btopenworld.com

Check out our website at **www.rydebaptist.org** for general updates.
Sermon notes and suggestions for reading and study are on **<https://www.rydebaptist.xyz>** —the Sunday supplement.



What's On

Worship at home with Premier Radio 10 am Sunday.

There are lots of interesting interviews on the Premier Radio website with different well known Christians, such as Rob Parsons, Jeff Lucas, John Lennox, Tim Keller...well worth hearing.

BBC1 10 am Sunday service from St David's Cathedral in Wales.



BU General Secretary Lynn Green with Ruth Rice from Renew Wellbeing and Faith and Society Team Leader Diane Watts. Sunday at 7pm. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITqr7Co5Zrs>

Listen to a message from **George Verwer** at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OxG7MttvFc> with suggestions of things to do during lockdown.

An interesting article from **Bible Society**: <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-articles/top-tips-for-memorising-scripture/>

Missionary Aviation Fellowship is serving in South Sudan and other African countries where Coronavirus is claiming its first victims: 'A national colleague asks pointedly, 'when' I will return to the UK? I know what he means. In every crisis the foreign workers are the first ones to go. But this crisis is different. Covid-19 is everywhere. South Sudan relies on the healthcare and services that humanitarian organisations provide. MAF has an important role to play. I can't leave. Please pray for MAF.

Arab World Mission

This is the 28th year of the **30 Days of Prayer** for the Muslim world prayer guide. The theme for the 2020 guide is 'Movements within Islam', taking a closer look at different ideologies, cultural practices and beliefs within this world religion. Join thousands of Christians worldwide to pray for the love of Christ to impact Muslims this Ramadan (23 April-23 May). Order the prayer guide by email to mariep@awm-pioneers.org or online at <https://30daysprayer.org.uk/order/> A single copy costs £2.50 including postage.

'The resurrection of Jesus remains at the heart of our life and faith and it is this which gives us hope and purpose in a world that longs for revival'. Kerry wrote this on Easter Sunday, and many have spoken of Easter hope and, like the Queen, referred to the coming together of the community as a hopeful sign for the future. Mervyn King, former Governor of the Bank of England, was asked what gave him hope for the future. He said the challenge to the world economy was so great that we could not continue as we had before and ignore the differences in wealth with profit as our only concern. This thought was echoed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. While we give thanks for the many signs of generosity and care that we see daily, pray that our leaders accept this challenge and work together to build a world that is fairer to all. The resurrection brought hope to those with no hope. May the challenge of the coronavirus change attitudes too. Our government has been taking actions that would have been unthinkable three months ago. Why should it end with the pandemic? Will our generosity also end? *Martin*

'History is full of examples of Christians serving the poor and sick...Now ... is a time of real treasure-testing for us. Where is our treasure stored up? Where is our heart (Matthew 6:19-21)?'
Read more at <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/when-a-pandemic-falls-on-the-poor?>

UK fashion brands have cancelled orders with no notice and devastated the lives of workers in poor countries. Millions working in clothing and shoe factories are not being paid. Sign the letter at <https://action.traidcraft.org.uk/fast-fashion-crisis-take-action#sign> and ask fashion retailers to tell us how they are supporting people who make our clothes and shoes.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the work of the Church.

Bank details for standing orders are as follows:

**RBC Barclays current account number 20731102
sort code 20-60-55**

If you usually give by cash or cheque, save it up until you have a few weeks' worth and then contact Kerry or a deacon who can collect it from you.

Offerings for **March** were as follows:

Cash and Envelopes **£282.76** Standing orders **£1630**
Total: £1912.76

