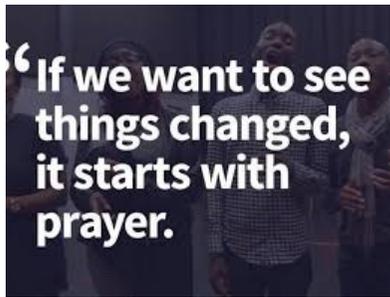


7/52 @ RBC

26 April 2020

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3



Pray for:

Health services: playing a vital role in national wellbeing, expressing God's care and ministering his healing.

National and local government: vital to providing for the most vulnerable as they lead on policies and plans through this crisis.

The finance industry: a central role in alleviating economic distress, creating resources to cultivate flourishing across the nation.

Teaching staff, leaders, administrators, support teams: seeking to release the potential of all their students.

The hospitality industry: at its best reflecting God's delight in nurturing friendships and bringing joy. It is among the hardest hit at this time.

UCB Prayerline

UCB Prayerline is staffed by volunteers ready to pray with and for you, helping you bring God into the situations you're facing.

Call: **01782 36 3000**. (Mon-Thurs 9am-10pm, Fri 9am -5pm, Sat 10.30am- 8pm. Closed Sundays & Bank Holidays.)

Premier Lifeline

Premier Lifeline provides a confidential place for you to talk about whatever you wish without fear of judgement or rejection. Receive prayer and support and a friend to talk to.

Call: **0300 111 0101** (9am to midnight every day of the year)

Contacts:

Church office: closed at present

Website: www.rydebaptist.org



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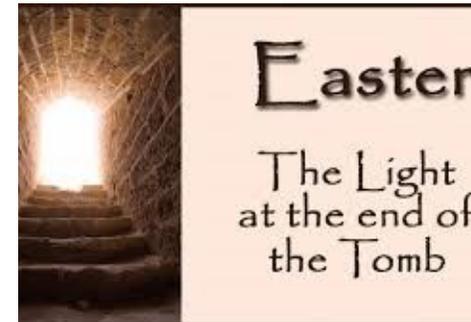
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All Deacons available by ☎ if needed.

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.





Jenny and Paul Brooking's nephew Laurie, aged 25, has been admitted to hospital in Bristol with severe heart problems. Please pray for him and the family at this time.

What's On

Worship at home with Premier Radio **10 am Sunday**.
BBC1 10.45 am Sunday service from Hereford Cathedral
 Also listen to **Pam Rhodes** on Premier for Sunday Live worship at 6 pm.



BU General Secretary Lynn Green with Carl Smethurst, Regional Minister for Mission in the South West Baptist Association Sunday at 7 pm. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtVfzGB1en8>

Listen to **Nicky Gumbel** on 'Choose faith, not fear' at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1OemxVqZ1U> and 'Coronavirus: is there any hope?' at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sw3K20xgVI>

Mission Direct cannot send volunteer teams but is trying to support partners and projects. Many poor countries are suffering food shortages, and in East Africa, a huge swarm of locusts is destroying food crops. Please consider supporting the **ABC+D appeal** at <https://missiondirect.org/abcd/>

Charities may lose £4 billion because many fundraising events have been cancelled. The London Marathon should have taken place on 26 April but has organised a nationwide mass fundraising week from 26 April - 3 May. **The 2.6 Challenge** encourages people to organise their own sponsored events along the themes of 2.6 or 26. You can do things like run or walk 2.6 miles or hop 26 times on one leg. The organisers have also created a central pot of money to be distributed to each charity that participates, in proportion to the amount raised for them. You can choose the charity you would like to support through the 2.6 Challenge web page at <https://twopointsixchallenge.justgiving.com/>

Pray for the **Youth for Christ teams**, including Becca, arranging online meetings and keeping in touch with young people through social media and other technology.

How to cultivate faith and hope

Remember Paul and Silas? They *sang* in prison because of the hope that lived inside them (Acts 16.25). They didn't fight their physical circumstances - they fought despair. And eventually, the prison doors flew open and *everybody's* chains came loose.

1. Start the day with prayer
2. Limit how much you listen to the news -prioritise good news
3. Play worship music in your house
4. Read the Bible alone or together.
5. Offer to pray for neighbours – at a distance!
6. Send encouragements to fellow believers.

Find resources from the **Leprosy Mission** at <https://www.leprosymission.org.uk/get-involved/resources/3/Prayer-Resources>. These include devotionals on 'Letting the light in', prayer diary updates, notes for study and colouring sheets.

BMS - Read lessons in coping in crisis from the world church at <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/in-crisis-god-will-give-us-the-strength-we-need/> and <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/god-continues-to-be-god/>

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