

All over the country, local neighbourhoods have formed mutual aid groups to support the vulnerable, bring essential provisions to those shielding, and generate joy in the community.

Pray that everyone in Ryde and on the IW would receive the help they need including food, medicines, and emotional support.

Pray that the message of hope and Christian love is spread so that there is a "new normal" when the pandemic is over.

Pray for the heightened level of community to last.

Pray that volunteers and communities would have perseverance and that the most vulnerable would continue to be supported.

Ramadan Night of Power Tuesday 19 May

Muslims fast during daylight hours as they observe Ramadan. Normally they would meet in homes to break their fast each day but are now doing so online. As Muslims fast and pray, ask the Holy Spirit to give them a revelation of Jesus Christ as the only way to the Father.

Some may be uncertain of the faith they have been brought up with in their culture. Pray that the Holy Spirit would show them the significance of Christ's teachings and of His death and resurrection. Muslims have no assurance of salvation and hope that good works will help them achieve this. Ask God to make Jesus known to them as the source of all power and eternal security.

Pray for Christians living in Muslim communities to have opportunities to talk about the Night of Power with Muslim friends and to share their faith in Jesus. Resources to guide your prayers are available at <https://www.awm-pioneers.org/night-of-power/>

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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

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When all kinds of trials crowd into your lives...don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends.

Realise that they have come to test your endurance.

But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men and women of mature character.

James 1.2-4 (*JB Phillips*)

Wash your **HANDS**
and say your
PRAYERS
cause *Jesus*
and germs are
EVERYWHERE

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's nephew **Laurie** has been successfully fitted with a defibrillator, and now must rest at home for 6 weeks. Jenny and Paul thank everyone for their prayers, and ask us to continue to pray for him and family.

What's On

Worship at home with Premier Radio **10 am Sunday.**

BBC1 10.45 am Sunday worship from St David's Cathedral. Also listen to **Pam Rhodes** on Premier Radio for Sunday Live at 6 pm, followed by Prayer of Hope from Churches Together at 7 pm. Pam Rhodes also leads a lunchtime singalong every weekday at 1 pm on Premier Radio.



Prayer broadcast with BU General Secretary Lynn Green and Rev Adrian Semerene, Minister at Gamlingay Baptist Church and a member of BU Council, at **7 pm** this Sunday. Prayers at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

All available at https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx

Feeling restricted? Watch this short animation on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8u-dZOTZD4&t=0s>

For free access to '**You'll get through this**', an online Bible study with Max Lucado, go to <https://www.faithgateway.com/you-will-get-through-this-obs-registration/>

This was written when someone had been given a diagnosis of terminal cancer, but could just as easily apply to coronavirus:

Coronavirus is so limited...

It cannot cripple love, it cannot shatter hope, it cannot corrode faith, it cannot eat away peace, it cannot destroy confidence, it cannot kill friendship, it cannot shut out memories, it cannot silence courage, it cannot invade the soul, it cannot reduce eternal life, it cannot quench the Spirit, it cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.

'God is there for you'

This is the message **Youth for Christ** is putting out to young people unable to get to school. Our local school worker Becca Overy is still holding lunch clubs on line, and contacting those who came to Rock Solid. There was a Rock Solid event on May 15th (online, with parental permission), and Youth Alpha will be starting soon. A church in Wootton wants its young people to join in too. YFC is using Instagram to put out a mixture of posts with both humorous and serious content. Look out for her newsletter which we will attach to 7/52 in due course. And please pray.

Pray too for our **GB girls**. Betty is in contact with the girls and many parents, either online or by telephone. Activities and worksheets keep the girls engaged.

Is the nation turning to God in prayer? Well, not quite yet, but research from Tearfund has shown that prayer is more common than you think, with just under half (44%) of UK adults saying that they pray, and one in twenty (5%) saying they have started praying during the lockdown.

Daily data from Google for 95 countries corroborates this increased interest, as searches for prayer are at their highest levels ever recorded.

On Sunday 31 May, UK Baptists will be coming together for **Solidarity Sunday**, a day set aside to hold up in prayer the people who are most vulnerable in the Coronavirus crisis, as well as those who are responding across the world. More information next week.

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 **April** were as follows:
Standing orders **£1792**

