

Putting our trust in God rather than ourselves

We thought we were in charge of our destiny, Lord;
that we had all the answers, all the solutions to our problems,
nothing being beyond our wit to solve.
And no doubt in time we will beat this virus,
as we have beaten many others,
human ingenuity triumphing again over adversity.
But this crisis of recent months has reminded us
that we're not quite so much in control as we like to imagine;
that life is less secure, less certain than we sometimes think,
and that much of what we take for granted
can be swept away in an instant.
Help us to recognise our limitations as well as our achievements,
our vulnerability as well as our strengths,
and may we find in you one whose promises endure
beyond the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
enfolding us, and all things, in your eternal, unchanging love.
Amen.

Nick Fawcett: *For Such a Time as This* ©Kevin Mayhew Publishers

To find suggestions on praying for politicians, go to <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/q-a-jonathan-reynolds-shadow-secretary-of-state-for-work-and-pensions-speaks-about-marcus-rashford-and-universal-credit?>

Go to <https://www.revelationmedia.com/watchthecross/RM16325/> to register for a free showing of the 50th anniversary edition of *The Cross and the Switchblade*

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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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Whatever you're doing today, may the Spirit of mission fill you.

May he lead you forwards, upwards and outwards, helping you align your prayers, words, and deeds – indeed your whole self – with God's great mission.

Make this your prayer:

'God, by your Spirit, weave something of heaven into this patch of earth.'



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**.

BBC1 10.45 am Sunday service from Manchester and Songs of Praise at 1.15 pm

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 at **7 pm** this Sunday. Prayers at 7 pm on Wednesdays.

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

See some reflections from SCBA on <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN5ILARLZPEUP8pgOI3dwGO>

Alison hosts a coffee morning on Zoom each Thursday at 10.30 am. Please contact her on alison.ridout@btinternet.com or by phone if you would like to join so she can send you the link.

Mardin in southeast Turkey is a mile away from the Syrian border and a sanctuary for thousands of Syrian and Iraqi refugees. The Protestant church was re-opened in 2016 after 55 years closure. Pray for this church to bring hope and light to the area. A Turkish radio group has established an office in Mardin, broadcasting gospel programmes. Please pray for people to hear these messages, and for their vision to broadcast Kurdish programmes soon.

'Did you ever think you would see the forced closure of church buildings and not being allowed to meet for worship? Lockdown has given us a taste of what Christians in the Middle East face. It has also awakened a spiritual hunger. People across the region are seeking Jesus. They are re-evaluating life, asking big questions about the Bible, and tuning into our programmes in their millions. You may have experienced your own church going online or connected with other ministries. You can see why SAT-7 TV is precious to viewers in the Middle East. Every £1 donated will broadcast SAT-7 TV to two people for a whole year.' Go to <https://www.sat7uk.org/pages/covid-appeal-2020/?>

'I would never have called myself a racist, but now I realise that I wasn't anti-racist. I wasn't using my voice to speak against the evils of an institutionalised bias against people of certain races. We must seek to dismantle institutional racism step by step – beginning in the hearts and minds of individuals. And so, I am seeking to educate myself on race issues in both the UK and USA.'

Amy Boucher Pye runs the Woman Alive book club, writes for Our Daily Bread and other devotionals, and speaks and leads retreats.

Some suggested reading:

Ben Lindsay: *We Need to Talk About Race* - racism in UK churches
Patricia Raybon: *My First White Friend: Confessions on Race, Love and Forgiveness*

Robin DiAngelo: *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*

Black Lives Matter - how should we respond?

Start not by fixing the world but examine ourselves, dealing with undiscovered racism within.

Own up to this country's colonial past. Most of us live in towns and cities that benefited from exploitation and enslaving of other nations. Try to repair damage by finding peaceful ways to voice our opinions and ensuring that, as nations and as individuals, we deliberately buy fairly-traded goods and clothes from developing nations.

Buy from or boycott a brand based on its treatment of workers and farmers in developing countries. There are more people in slavery and being trafficked today in 2020 than in any past century.

Racist insults are not worse than others based on identity. All insults that pick on differences are unacceptable. *Chris Goswami*

*Thank you for your continued financial support of the work of the Church. If you are able to give by standing order, **PLEASE** do so!
Bank details are as follows:*

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

*If you usually give by cash or cheque, contact **Jim** on **810991** to arrange delivery or collection*



Offerings for **May** were as follows: Standing orders **£2126**

We are currently running at a deficit as follows:

Deficit for end of May **-£11432.42**

This is mainly due to the loss of letting fees for the GSC