

Father God,

We pray for our neighbours and communities as we enter a new phase in our experience. Help us to remember the ways we have served each other and continue to find ways to love our neighbours, even as old ways of life may be re-established.

We pray for Leicester today, for the schools, the children and youth provision in and outside of the church to help those who are most affected by the renewed lockdown. Lord, come to those who need help and healing in this hard time. We pray for the businesses, the hospitality industry, the shopping centres, and all those serving on the front line. Protect them and keep them safe and replace fear with love.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The UK's largest abortion provider, BPAS, has worked with Diana Johnson MP to bring forward two amendments to the Domestic Abuse Bill. The first would remove almost all current legal safeguards on abortion, up until when a child is capable of being born alive, with a ceiling of 28 weeks. The second amendment would allow both medical and surgical abortions to take place anywhere if a woman is in an abusive relationship. On Monday, if the amendments pass at the final stage of the Bill in the Commons, it is unlikely that they will be voted down in the Lords. The change would leave England and Wales with one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world. Pro-lifers contacting their MPs over the next 48 hours will be a key factor in deciding whether these changes become law. Please email our MP asking him to oppose these amendments. More info at

<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopExtremeAbortion/>

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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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'Tears of lament will give us a renewed imagination. If we are close enough to Jesus to know his heart, we will be able to see from his perspective. God wants to do something radically new in our generation. If we draw near enough to him to see it, we can be part of its unfolding. We need fresh ways of articulating the biblical gospel of the coming kingdom. The deep miracle at Pentecost was not that the church spoke in tongues, but that those listening heard and understood in their own languages. Prophets and prophetesses who can proclaim the kingdom coming in the 21st century in a way that makes sense to this generation, will be those who have spent time getting close enough to God's heart to see from his perspective and to hear his words. This intimacy is discovered only in the place of shared tears.'

*Paul S Williams, Chief Executive of Bible Society and
Research Professor Regent College, Vancouver*

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.

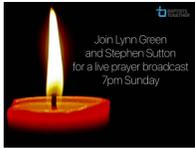


What's On

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

BBC1 10.45 am Sunday morning live; 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/UCN5ILARLZPEUP8pgOI3dwGQ>

Please contact **Alison** on alison.ridout@btinternet.com or by phone so she can send you the link to the coffee morning on Zoom each Thursday at 10.30 am.

Indian Christians are being denied food in national distribution, Christian nurses in the Gulf have no PPE despite being assigned COVID-19 cases, Christians in Nigeria are being burnt in lockdown and Somali Christians are even being blamed for COVID-19. Please contact our MP to ask for our persecuted family to be protected.
<https://advocacy.opendoorsuk.org/page/61701/action/1?>

In Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh monsoon rains are adding to the threat from Covid-19 to 1 million Rohingya Muslim refugees. **Toilet Twinning** is distributing information about stopping the virus, giving out hygiene kits with soap, sanitiser and detergent, and installing community washing facilities. They are also educating community leaders in slum areas of Port-au-Prince in Haiti, where thousands of migrants are returning from the Dominican Republic, the Caribbean country worst affected by the pandemic so far. Thank you for your support to the Tap Twinning appeal – for more information go to <https://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Latest news from BMS at <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/from-the-corners-of-the-world/>

The latest issue of Christianity Today features a headline 'Black Lives Matter to Jesus'. Read why here:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/From-the-editor-Why-we-re-saying-black-lives-matter?>

Dionne Simpson, founder of **Christians of Minority** writes from a black Christian perspective at:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/What-it-is-really-like-to-be-a-minority-in-a-UK-church?>

See another Christian view at:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Let-s-not-follow-the-world-s-agenda.-Here-are-10-Christian-responses-to-racism?>

See what has been happening in the church countrywide at

<https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/100-days-of-lockdown-10-amazing-ways-the-church-has-responded-to-the-covid-19-crisis?>

IMPORTANT!

Dear friends,

As you know, there have been past requests regarding a "deputy" treasurer for RBC. This is becoming increasingly important. My mum is approaching 98 years old and, while currently in reasonable health, is getting increasingly frail and is house bound. Being the only child I will need to be on the mainland for an extended period of several months upon her death. At that time I really won't be in a position to concentrate on RBC duties.

Can someone (or two) find it in their heart to "learn the ropes", please. The accounts are now based on spreadsheets and, truly, it is not difficult to learn. In Christ, Jim.

*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!*

**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*

**We are currently running at a deficit as follows:
-£11432.42. This is mainly due to the loss of letting fees
for the GSC**