

**Thank you** to all who contacted our MP regarding the proposed abortion amendments to the Domestic Abuse Bill. Thank God that these amendments were taken off the table as there was a very good chance they would have been defeated. A number of pro-life and other MPS gave very good speeches.

***"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.  
Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow."***

**Isaiah 1:17**

Father, we are all made in your image. May we be Your hands and feet and act out of faith and not fear. Amen.

**3 prayers for America** - from a British Christian living in the US

**1. Pray for a universal healthcare system**

*Pray for a more equitable healthcare system across the US that shields and protects the vulnerable. Pray for kind and wise employers who will allow their employees to work from home as much as possible.*

**2. Pray against fake news**

*Pray that trustworthy information about the virus would be widely circulated and that Americans would be empowered to make prudent decisions.*

**3. Pray for a change in culture**

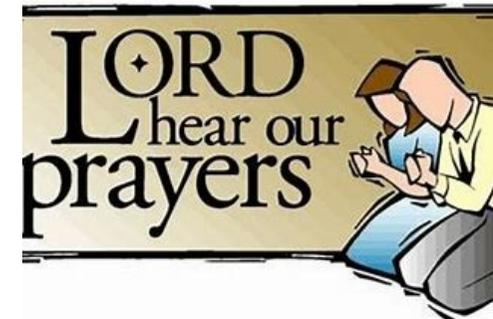
*Pray that all Americans would value the liberty of others as highly as their own. May they have a fuller vision of freedom that ensures everyone can live without fear of the Covid-19 pandemic.*

# 7/52 @ RBC

**12 July 2020**

"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known"  
*(Jeremiah 33:3, ESV).*

"You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart" *(Jeremiah 29:13, ESV).*



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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](mailto:ian.pratt5@btopenworld.com)

Check out our website at [www.rydebaptist.org](http://www.rydebaptist.org) for general updates.  
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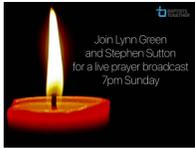


## **What's On**

**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](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](mailto: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.

For the latest good news from **BMS** go to <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/good-world-news/>

**Leprosy Mission** hospitals are at breaking point because of COVID-19. Patients are in desperate need of food supplies. It costs just £30 to feed a hospital patient for a month. See: <https://leprosymission.netdonor.net/page/62521/donate/1?>

**Lost Stock** is helping garment workers affected by order cancellations by Western companies. The 100,000 boxes that have been ordered are able to provide support to 100,000 families. Sadly, the situation in Bangladesh is worsening. Many brands are cancelling future orders and more factories are laying people off. Lost Stock is trying to extend the support we provide people. See Lost Stock for Kids at <https://loststock.com/products/kids>

Read how evangelical Christians have gained favour with the government at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2020/July-2020/How-Number-10-opened-its-door-to-evangelicals?>

Read Dr Peter Harris on black contributions to church history at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Why-it-s-time-to-correct-our-teaching-of-church-history?>

Watch the video **Somebody Please..** at <https://www.premier.org.uk/Faith-and-Race/Somebody-Please-Hear-Our-Voice-One-Voice-Collective?>

## **When will we reopen the church building?**

The government has stated that churches can reopen for worship, but with very strict conditions. The BU has also produced detailed guidance. Kerry and the deacons have been constantly monitoring and discussing the situation and are planning to circulate a completed risk assessment and statement very soon. We will be looking for feedback, so in the meantime, perhaps you can think about what we want church to be like in the future. How can we carry on as before with so many changes and restrictions? How can we still be a supportive and loving family of believers? How can we reach out to those outside? What is God saying to us at this time?

## **IMPORTANT!**

Dear friends,  
As you know, there have been past requests regarding a “deputy” treasurer for RBC. My mum is approaching 98 years old and, while currently well, is getting increasingly frail and is house bound. As the only child I will need to be on the mainland for 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:  
-£10,768. This is mainly due to the loss of letting fees for  
the GSC**