

Well-known Christians **Peter Maiden**, of OM and Keswick, and biblical scholar and preacher **Dr James Packer** have both passed away recently. Praise the Lord for their lives and ministry, and please pray for their families and friends as they adjust to their loss.

Thank you, Father, for those who first spoke the Word of God to us. We pray today for those who faithfully preach your truth, that your church may be built up and people may come to know Jesus. Dear Lord, who gives comfort to the broken-hearted, please draw near to all who struggle today with the pain of loss, or the struggles of daily life. Draw near to those who call upon you and provide your abiding peace. In Jesus mighty name, Amen.

Francis Collins recently won the 2020 Templeton Prize for his work on the interface between science and religion. He was director of the Human Genome Project and now leads a team at the US National Institute of Health researching a vaccine for Covid-19. Read more at: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2020/July-2020/Francis-Collins-The-Christian-scientist-looking-for-a-Covid-19-vaccine?>

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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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"Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones"

Isaiah 49:13



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.

In Bangladesh, many people who have graduated from poverty during the last 20 years are now falling back into poverty. People are leaving Dhaka at an exponential rate, affecting many others who rely on renting out houses, apartments and huts. On top of this, a third of Bangladesh is now underwater because of flooding. Without adequate support, poor people are in dire conditions. People who were doing well only a few months back are now asking secretly for help. They are trying to sell everything they can, but there is no buyer. Recovery isn't just about simply surviving lockdown. It's about building a different world, where we face up to climate change and global inequality, and demand justice for the most vulnerable. Your support could make a difference at <https://action.traidcraft.org.uk/recovery-appeal>

The CEO of Open Doors, Henrietta Blyth, speaks about freedom of belief at: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Why-Christians-should-campaign-against-the-persecution-of-Muslims?>

'In Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, Frodo says, "I wish the ring had never come to me. I wish none of this had happened." Gandalf replies, "So do all who live to see such times, but that is not for them to decide. All you have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to you." We may not choose these times, but we can't change them. So instead, let's make the most of the opportunities they present.'

Dr Andrew Ollerton is the author of <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/>, an eight session small group resource, and <https://thegreateststoryever.org/>, a resource for families.

Here he writes about how mission is changing in digital times: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/The-elephant-in-the-Zoom-How-lockdown-is-changing-mission-for-good?>

One issue that will need looking at is loneliness. See more at: <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/two-thirds-of-uk-churches-identify-loneliness-as-top-issue-to-tackle-post-lockdown?>

Watch <https://creationfest.org.uk/on-air/> - a series of six TV-style shows designed to encourage Christians and be easily shared. Airing live every week from 20 July on Facebook and YouTube, and containing music, thought-provoking talks, life stories and celebrity special guests.

IMPORTANT!

Dear friends,
As you know, there have been past requests regarding a "deputy" treasurer for RBC. I have had one offer of help but more would be most welcome! The accounts are now based on spreadsheets and, truly, it is not difficult to learn. Please contact me if you can help. 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**