

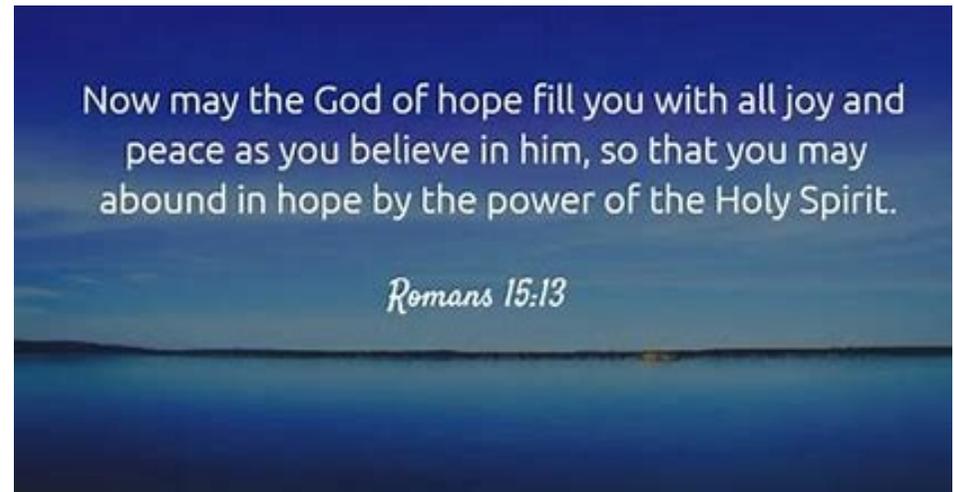
Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Muslim and Hindu majority countries are being forced to choose between their faith and receiving food aid. Please pray for mission and other agencies trying to reach them with food. Read more at <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/authorities-handing-out-covid-19-aid-forcing-christians-to-choose-between-faith-and-food>

Dear Father,
These remain tough times for believers worldwide as they face the effects of the pandemic. But thank you that you are at work even in the darkness, giving us hope as we look to you.
In Jesus name. Amen

David Stroud is the senior leader of Christ Church London, and co-founder of the **Everything Conference** that equips the church for the work of cultural renewal. He writes: 'As we emerge out of lockdown, there is going to be more pain in this nation than we have experienced for a very long time. And there's going to be a lot less resource to meet that pain than there would normally be. This mixture is going to present the Church with the opportunity of a lifetime to serve this nation and make a genuine difference in people's lives'. Read more at: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Covid-19-is-an-opportunity-of-a-lifetime-for-the-Church>

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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

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

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 the Middle East and North Africa, people are tuning into SAT-7 Christian TV as they search for answers about life. During peak lockdown, SAT-7 experienced a 31% increase in audience engagement as programmes such as **God, fear and the coronavirus** addressed people's questions. A SAT-7 presenter said that since the pandemic gripped the Middle East, "*We receive more questions, there are more discussions, more positive and negative reactions. People are hungry for answers and many are turning to God.*" Read more at: <https://www.sat7uk.org/>

During the pandemic, communities have been using skills and resources gained through OM's development programmes to support their families and communities. As lockdown restrictions begin to ease, coping with the knock-on effects of the pandemic is much more challenging for many of our global neighbours. The **MUSTARD APPEAL** provides seed money to projects that can become self-sustaining, and transform the whole community for many generations. When we combine activities like these with intentional witness and discipleship, we see how to establish vibrant communities of Jesus followers through the ministry of business. For more information, or to donate, go to <https://www.uk.om.org/Appeal/mustard>

'There may be a time-lag before our churches wake up to the truly biblical message, which is not that God wants us to go and live with him but that he wants to come and live with us, transforming, healing, and renewing the whole creation. He has decisively begun that in Jesus and is implementing it by his Spirit until Jesus comes again to complete the work. Western churches in particular have colluded with multiple divisions, so that Paul's insistence on church unity is not even noticed, let alone preached or acted upon. If our churches tried to be a bit more multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-generational, multi-coloured, more young people might glimpse that this was always God's intention for the church—to be a small working model of what God wants to do for the whole creation. This... is simply an exposition of Ephesians 1—3. If the church had majored on Ephesians rather than Romans and Galatians (both of which...say the same) we might not have had this problem in the first place.' **NT Wright**

'For too long Christians have had an approach when putting on events in churches of: "Come to this venue, sit down and listen to us talk about this subject." While there is a place for that, what is also valuable is simply saying to anyone of any income bracket, race, age or gender: "We're here to listen, we're here to journey alongside you, we're here to share our stories together, to share about our faith, how we cope, support each other and, can we pray for you?"' **Patrick Regan OBE**

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**