

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.'

2 Corinthians 1:3,4

Draw near to us God in our struggles, give us comfort and grace that we may know what to say and how to help those around us in distress.

Amen.

An important article by Dr Adrian Warnock about the spread of misinformation about Covid-19:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/American-evangelicals-must-stop-spreading-lies-about-Covid-19?>

Pray that the truth will prevail and that Christians in the UK, USA and other countries will support efforts to find vaccines and other treatments for the virus without giving credence to conspiracy theories or other false information

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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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There will be no edition of 7/52 next week as the editor is taking a break!

The next issue will be on **Sunday 6 September**

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 **1.15 pm**
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/by phone for the link to the Thursday Zoom coffee morning.

'How might you make the world a better place? Some people focus on a top-down approach, others want to begin at the grassroots, or go for a combination of the two. In Exodus 7, the plan God gave Moses was clear – the only way the Hebrews were going free was for Pharaoh himself to give the decree, for there was no democracy in Egypt. God let Moses know that his best efforts and public speaking would not make a difference. God himself would intervene to make it known to the Egyptians that he is God. Regardless of what Moses thought, he was called to be obedient, to follow what God required of him and leave the outcome to God. It can be hard for us to imagine what it means to see the hand of God in our lives, communities, nation. Could we ask God to open our eyes to see his hand at work in the areas of life which concern us? While we may have our skills, experience and knowledge, God may call us to a new adventure and a challenge where we cannot rely fully on ourselves.'

Selina Stone Tutor and Lecturer in Political Theology, St Mellitus College

<https://www.thenivbible.com/blog/god-of-justice-verses-found-in-the-bible/>

<https://www.uk.om.org/blog/looking-for-truth?> Read about Muslims finding Jesus in their own languages and cultures

Becoming God's agents of change

'When Nehemiah saw Jerusalem in shambles, its walls torn down and its people murdered in the streets, he said: "I sat down and wept, and mourned for days" (Nehemiah 1:4). His response is one many of us can relate to. But how many of us do what Nehemiah did next? He fasted and prayed, but did not simply leave his prayer in God's hands; he did something. He offered himself as God's agent of change. For want of prayer, fasting, and social action, many Western nations are crumbling and no longer rally around a moral consensus of healthy social norms. Our sovereign God hears our prayers for our nations, but will you take the next step? Will you pray like Nehemiah, then become actively engaged in God's plan to bring about spiritual and social reformation? Most of all, pray for revival. Legislation will not transform hearts, but the gospel message will. When we live out the good news in word and deed, when we become salt in our communities and win people to the Saviour, we will experience the blessing of being a peacemaker.'

Joni Eareckson Tada

Read more at: <https://www.womanalive.co.uk/stories/view?articleid=3250&utm>

There has been a 250 per cent increase in referrals to social services and an increase in first-time referrals for severe mental illness cases, according to The Royal College of Psychiatrists. Refuge, the domestic violence charity, has had a 700 per cent increase in website traffic. This presents a unique opportunity for the Church to stand on the frontline of caring for the vulnerable and isolated.

Read about our need to lament at <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/lamentingcoronavirus/>

*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!*

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**We are currently running at a deficit as follows:
-£8,319.22. This is mainly due to the loss of letting fees
for the GSC**