

'A soundbite society is one flooded with images and slogans, bits of information and abbreviated or symbolic messages – a culture of instant but shallow communications...a society that thrives on simplicity and disdains complexity...Christian lament must be more than just a soundbite. There is nothing shallow or abbreviated about something that brings God Himself into the depths of our human groaning. Christian hope does not ignore or suppress the continuing reality of suffering and death. Rather it brings consolation to the broken-hearted in their suffering...and is also part of God's own protest against suffering and death. Lament will allow us to capture the rawness of our grief and turn it into something that begins to sing perseverance, character and a hope that does not disappoint.'

From AWM Link, the magazine of AWM Pioneers.

"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day." 2 Peter 3:8

Our God, we fret about how slow you are to act, but we thank you that you know all things. You are never in a hurry and always do what you need to do right on time. So today, we rest in your goodness and will enjoy every moment you give us.

For Christ's sake. Amen.

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The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amitai:
"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it,
because its wickedness has come up before me."
But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish.

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.

God is interested in mending things and Jesus shows us how. Redeeming and restoring is what God is doing in our world, and he invites us to join his work. Watch this inspiring theological explanation clip reminding us that we are invited to join God in his work of redemption, restoration and reconciliation by Tearfund.
<https://vimeo.com/451779717/11b33517aa>

"It's easy to get sucked into focusing on the UK, but it's really good to lift your eyes to the world," says Catherine, a BMS partner who believes supporters' response to those in need made a difference. "The work we were able to do with your support has really helped our relationship with the Government of Afghanistan who are very positive about us. It gives us the power to do even more in the future." Thank you for standing with the people of Afghanistan during the Coronavirus pandemic — providing vital mental health support to save lives in one of the most fragile places in the world.

On **Thursday 10 September at 8 pm** go to <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/operation-chad-resources/operation-chad-live/>

to find out what it's like working at Guinebor II (G2) mission hospital in Chad, and how you can support crucial medical work in one of the world's most fragile states. This is BMS's Harvest focus this year.

In John 16.33 Jesus tells his disciples: "In this world you will have trouble. **But take heart!** I have overcome the world". Jesus knew the disciples were about to enter a difficult time, when he would die on the cross – and that they would have to get used to their 'new normal' without him.

What does this mean - to 'take heart' as Jesus instructs us to? To live courageously and look towards him, doing what he asks of us while also pulling our own weight in the situation we are placed in. We don't just sit back and say "It is what it is" – we get up, get going and live the life we want to despite the limitations. The anxiety of having to get used to a 'new normal' seems less threatening when we're not only allowed by God to have our moment moaning about it, but also when he invites us to be part of the process.

It switches from happening *to us*, to happening *alongside us*. I know I can pray "Lord, I'm not happy right now with the way things are. It's not OK. But I'm being brave and I'm going out there giving it my best shot."



Read how author Max Lucado has been dealing with fear and worry during the pandemic at
<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2020/September-2020/Max-Lucado-The-prolific-author-on-lockdown-struggles-and-the-antidote-to-anxiety?>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RR8M7bzqCQ> Here he talks about his new book 'You are never alone'

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for the GSC**