

'Letting go is an important spiritual practice, but it is counterintuitive because the default posture of most of us is to clutch, not to release.' To receive the new thing that God wants to give us we must create the space to receive it, which requires emptying out the old. Letting go requires trust – trust that the emptiness will be filled; trust that a new sense of purpose and direction will emerge; trust that day will follow night; and trust that, after death, there is resurrection. We walk by faith and not by sight, declaring: 'praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.'

The Greek roots of the word *pandemic* mean 'all people'. Christ's rule and redemption, because they encompass all that exists, can therefore be described as truly pandemic. The coronavirus may have the word crown (*corona*) in its name but its power is subsumed – and will eventually be defeated – by Christ. His crown of thorns stands as a symbol not only of his suffering but also of his all-encompassing sovereignty and redemption.

***"I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth."
(Psalm 121:1,2)***

Dear God, I put my trust in you today. I am your child and you bring me the help I need to complete all that you put before me this day and every day.
Thank you Lord. Amen.

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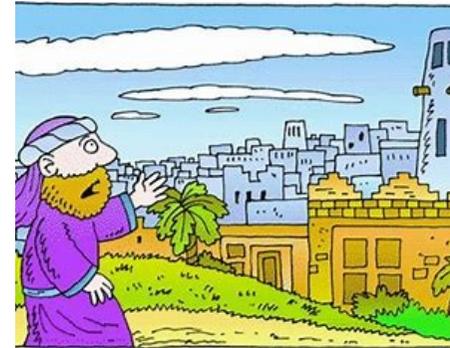
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Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

Jonah 3.1-2

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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.

Read about **Peter**, a mechanical engineering student, who used his placement year to serve on the OM ship Logos Hope:

<https://www.uk.om.org/blog/mission-over-money?>

Hear how a Christian hospital in Kenya is coping with the pandemic at <https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Weekday/Faith-Hope-and-Love/Interviews/Kenyan-Kijabe-Hospital-Update?>

Dr Beryl D'Souza works as a paediatrician for **Dignity and Freedom Network** (formerly the Dalit Freedom Network) in India. Hear how she and her team have been coping in the coronavirus crisis at <https://www.premier.org.uk/Across-the-UK/The-Midlands/Being-the-hands-and-feet-of-Christ-to-a-community-in-a-desperate-situation?>

If you wish to donate to the work of DFN you can do so here: <https://dfn.org.uk/covid-19-emergency-appeal>

Read about OM's relief work in Beirut here: <https://www.uk.om.org/blog/worse-than-the-news?>

'Do you ever feel that, as a Christian, you are swimming against the tide? Our culture has largely abandoned the idea of God, and faith is accepted only as a private preference. We live within relationships, but Paul makes it clear that while following Jesus doesn't change our humanity, it does change our citizenship. This does not make us enemies of our own country of origin, although some governments may decide we threaten the advancement of society from within. How should the Christian community react when it clashes with a nation's social and cultural legislative programme? Does it look to God and live a life faithful to scripture, or assimilate and become consumed within social norms? I sense that the intensity of this conversation will increase as society pursues a humanist agenda. Psalm 139 tells us we are wonderfully and fearfully made, but free to determine our response to God. We will have to become stronger advocates of Christian values as the secular current grows stronger and threatens the wellbeing of humanity.'

Micha Jazz



teach me, teach me
to walk in His light

The controversial Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum came into effect in all schools in England on 1st September, and these compulsory changes mean parents no longer have the right to withdraw their children from teaching they may disagree with. Read what some Christians and those of other faiths feel and are doing about this at:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/This-isn-t-scaremongering.-The-new-curriculum-really-is-sexualising-our-children?>

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