

Our inner questions show our longing for certainty and control: 'How long?', 'Where is it all leading?', 'How do I plan?', or 'Why am I feeling like this?' During the current pandemic, these questions are echoed in the media and reverberate in conversations with friends and colleagues. God does not commit to answer our questions, but instead he promises us his presence.

Sign up for a 40-day prayer journey with LICC on navigating transition at: <https://licc.org.uk/ourresources/prayer-journeys/navigating-transition/>

*"Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me."
(Psalm 23:4)*

We pray today, Lord, for those we know who are walking through dark valleys: of doubt, of depression and the possibility of death. We ask that they would with the Psalmist fear no evil but know your protection and comfort.
For Jesus sake. Amen

Prayer requests from Becca at Ryde YFC:

Pray for young people anxious about being back in school or college

Thank God that we can meet 13-16 year olds weekly

Thank God that we can reach out online to the younger Rock Solid group

Pray for someone to take on Ryde Youthwork when Becca takes Maternity leave at the start of December

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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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I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity

Jonah 4. 2. (NIV)



The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

Check out our website at <https://www.rydebaptist.xyz> for general updates, sermon notes and suggestions for reading and study .



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.

Home is a place we associate with peace or safety, but since war broke out in Syria in 2011, more than half the population have had to abandon their homes. When ISIS took over parts of Iraq in 2014, thousands of homes were destroyed. Families were forced to flee to make-shift camps. Millions in the Middle East are still displaced or living in foreign countries as refugees. One in every four people living in Lebanon is a refugee. Thousands of refugees' homes were destroyed in the Beirut explosion.

Tearfund was already at work in the Middle East before these conflicts began, working alongside local churches and organisations to ensure we can reach the most vulnerable as quickly as possible. Thanks to regular givers, we have reached over 8,000 Syrian refugee families with food and hygiene supplies in Lebanon and Jordan. In Iraq, we have provided over 150,000 people with cash grants to help them recover after losing their homes, and hundreds of people with the emotional support they need to process grief and trauma. We continue to go where the need is greatest because we believe that God can bring peace and restoration to any situation. **Today, please pray for an end to conflict, and for God to comfort all who have lost homes and loved ones.**

How to raise funds for OM or any of your favourite charities:
<https://www.uk.om.org/top-five-fundraising-ideas>

The UN designated 22 August to commemorate victims of religious persecution. ADF India organized an online conference on the right to religious freedom, featuring Ahmed Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, as the keynote speaker. The conference was part of the ongoing campaign "No One Should Be Targeted for Their Faith", promoting religious freedom and the dignity of all people. This work is particularly needed in India, as cases of violence against religious minorities are rising; attacks on Christians have increased dramatically since 2019. For more info, see: <https://adfinternational.org/>

Slowing down creates its own challenges but can benefit our spiritual lives, according to Jeff Lucas. Read more here: <https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Sunday/Lucas-on-Life/Lucas-on-Life-Podcast/Rushing?>

The UK government is preparing a new Environment Bill. It would require companies to address any illegal deforestation in the making of their products, but does not yet go far enough. Until Monday 5 October, the government is running a consultation, giving us a chance to tell them that the law should make companies address human rights abuses and all kinds of environmental destruction, not just deforestation. Write to the government here: <https://action.traidcraft.org.uk/tell-government-companies-must-stop-abusing-human-rights-and-environment?>

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We are currently running at a deficit as follows:
- £9423.73. This is mainly due to the loss of letting fees for the GSC