

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love, which you have shown from long ages past. Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth. Remember me in the light of your unfailing love, for you are merciful, O Lord.

Psalm 25:6-7 NLT

'When a global crisis emerges, we are confronted with our own fears and anxieties. God has us in his embrace, a place of safety and comfort, and no matter what befalls, nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:35). The problem is we too easily become drawn into the rhythms of life and lose sight of God. When shocked by events threatening our way of life, we find our roots are not sunk deeply into the soil of God's compassionate love. We struggle to draw sufficient nourishment from God. As a gardener, when I discover a plant is struggling, I do not immediately discard it, I fight for it, seeking to revive and restore it. Often, this works. I once had a bay tree that seemed completely withered and dead. I pruned it heavily and soon new leaves began to grow from the stump. It may be that all we need is to have a lot of the deadwood removed, to return to an active pursuit of God.

If God's love is unfailing, regardless of your situation, you can place your confidence in him.'

Dr Micha Jazz

*How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.*

*Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.*

Psalm 36: 7-10

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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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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.

Missionary organisation Christian Witness to Israel has announced its official name change to 'International Mission to Jewish People', effective from 1 January 2021. The group's CEO Joseph Steinberg said that their name had "become a hindrance in engaging parts of the Church. This is due to the assumption many people make that our name means we are focussed on politics or land issues in the Middle East when in fact we are solely focussed on telling Jewish people about Jesus, wherever they may be". See more at: <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/leading-missionary-organisation-changes-its-name-to-overcome-past-misunderstanding?>

Jackie Pullinger has been living in Hong Kong for over 50 years. Read a rare interview with her here:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2019/January-2019/Jackie-Pullinger-We-re-going-to-feel-stupid-for-eternity-if-we-waste-this-life?>

Read an encouraging article about church growth in Thailand at: <https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/thai-church-performs-1-435-baptisms-in-a-single-day>

'I have felt a deep sense of loss as we have taken church online. I have been blessed by seeing people's faces, singing along, joining in with reciting the liturgy and listening, but it's not the 'real stuff' of gathered worship. It is hard to understand why God would take gathered worship away from his church at this time, but perhaps he is pointing us to something better. As we long for the 'real thing' on Sundays, maybe God is showing us we should feel that longing all the time.

Christianity is a relational religion. The Christian God is unique as Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – a Holy Communion of love. Christian worship is relational and embodied because Christianity is embodied. It makes us more human and gets us ready for a glorious future when Jesus returns to make all things new. Online church is to 'normal' church as 'normal' church is to the heavenly gathering. Our familiar gathered worship in church is only a picture of that pure, fervent, and eternal gathering of all God's people now in heaven and continuing forever.'

Jonathan Saunders, corporate worship director at Inspire Saint James Clerkenwell.

Two interesting articles to read in the run-up to the US elections:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Christians-will-vote-for-Donald-Trump-this-November.-Here-s-why?>

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Evangelical-Christians-must-stop-saying-Donald-Trump-has-been-chosen-by-God?>

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