

News from Sarah Fifield, School Pastors' Coordinator

Patrols (1 patrol = 2 School Pastors) are taking place at Ryde Academy, Carisbrooke and Medina Colleges, and Lanesend Primary School. We are seeing many positive conversations with students and staff, especially vulnerable students. We are restarting 1:1 mentoring and hope to resume group workshops after half term. A video was made as an alternative to going in to introduce ourselves in assembly to Yr 7. Schools have all commented on how appreciative they are of our presence.

We have several School Pastors who are unable to patrol for health reasons and because of Covid19. Volunteer numbers are down, and we are trying to recruit more, though this is tricky in the current situation. **Please pray** for God's wisdom in this.'

News from Becca Overy, Ryde YFC youth worker

'Our drop in lunch club and CU in Ryde Academy are due to restart after half term. Bible Explorer lessons are on hold.

Rock Solid Club cannot meet in person, so we keep in touch via a magazine, parents and a Rock Solid evening on YouTube.

CREW has restarted on Thursday evenings for 13-16 year olds at Grace Church and we are still running Catalyst (Youth worship night) via Zoom. The IoW Youth for Christ team continue to post on Social media each week. We are ready to restart Ryde Clusters, a small youth group previously held at St James Vicarage, but now at All Saints. It is aimed at Christian young people and their friends who might like to find out more. We start on Friday 6th November.

Please pray for young people anxious about being back in school & college, about the changes in school and at home & about the future. **Pray for** creativity and energy in staying connected to young people. **Pray for** decisions into who will take on Ryde Youthwork when I go on 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

Check out our website at 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.

Read Elaine Storkey, former president of Tearfund, on Engaging in mission, 'Jesus style' at <https://www.missionsweek.org.uk/mission-jesus-style>

The Insanity of God follows missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken as they delve into the persecuted church to see if all the suffering is worth it. The film traces the Ripkens' crisis of faith following the death of their son, and their experiences with the struggling church in Somalia as relief missionaries. They were left with the burning question: is any of this worth it? Register to watch free at <https://www.revelationmedia.com/watchinsanityofgod/>

Daily life changed dramatically following the first lockdown, as we lost freedoms we have perhaps taken for granted. We now have first-hand experience of some of the problems that isolated Christians have been dealing with their whole lives. For many Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East and North Africa, lack of freedom is a never-ending pandemic that means many believers cannot meet safely with other Christians. Many women cannot leave their homes to spend time with their friends. Many families travel only to escape from danger. **SAT-7** have prepared some Advent resources including a prayer guide with prayers and reflections for every day. Please sign up at <https://www.sat7uk.org/pages/advent-2020-sign-up/>

The Annual General Church meeting will be on **Thursday 19 November at 7 pm** on Zoom. If you are responsible for any groups in the church, please send your annual reports (up to March 2020) to **Sally** ASAP. Thanks!

Use this link to read the latest issue of New Day, the Leprosy Mission magazine: https://issuu.com/leprosymission/docs/nd_aut20-web

Why and how to keep on helping others: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Volunteering-and-compassion-soared-during-lockdown-but-where-is-it-now?>

'The vision of God's unwavering purpose is perhaps what exiles need most. It not only provides a way of seeing the future, but of living in the present. For, if this is the final *destination* of the biblical story, it is also the *direction* in which that story is moving.

It is the assurance of God's transforming presence that allows us to envision a new reality in our relationship with God, with each other, and in the world. We do not bring in this new order, but nor do we wait passively for it to arrive. Its certainty allows us to lean on it now and its hope frees us up to live expectantly and confidently, in ways that seek to transform the here and now in line with what will be, as a response to God's gracious promise. The Christian hope of a new heaven and earth provides a source of motivation for how we live in the light of his presence now – doing all things for the glory of the God who will one day make all things new.'

Antony Billington, Theology Advisor, LICC

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