

2020 hours of **Prayers for Ryde** were made every day from 1 July to 23 September. The prayers continued every Monday evening, but in view of the new lockdown we are praying again for 15 minutes each evening at 7pm. Join us using the link at <http://prayforryde.org/>

When our lives fall into ruin, may we look to glimmers of light on the horizon.

When we live in darkness, may we know the hope that is an anchor for our souls, steadfast and certain, carrying us into light.

When we are battle-weary and bemused, may we know you have already won.

When we live with hard edges and stony hearts, may we be softened in the dazzling light of your love.

When we live in brokenness, may we know that love stronger than death has already shattered the darkness.

When we live in desolation, may we know our winter-bound land bursting into vibrant sun-drenched life.

When we live under pain and sorrow, may we know that instead of mourning there will be joy, instead of despair a garment of praise, instead of ashes a crown of beauty.

When we live a life with borders, may we know how wide, long, deep and high is the love of Christ.

When we live in waiting, may we know the everlasting arms encircling our past, present and future.

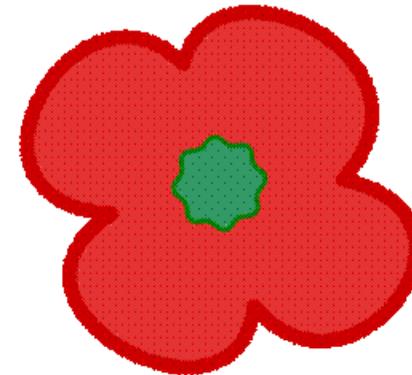
When we live in captivity, may the hope of Christ break through and lead us to joy unspeakable.

Amen.

Liz Carter

7/52 @ RBC

**8 November 2020
Remembrance Sunday**



Lest We Forget.

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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** on Wednesdays. See https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have also issued a new call to prayer to Anglican churches at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

Please contact **Alison** on alison.ridout@btinternet.com/by phone for the link to the Thursday Zoom coffee morning.

'I believe God is mobilising the church for a new wave of mission. There is renewed appetite for scripture, fresh conviction about evangelism, sustained commitment to unity, and growing confidence in the gospel, as well as greater boldness and collaboration in place of disunity. It's common to see missional gatherings embracing a wide range of the confessions and traditions of Christianity. All this can only be possible because of hearts changed by the Holy Spirit.'
Chief executive of Bible Society, Paul Williams

Read the latest news from BMS in Chad at <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/thats-why-weve-come-to-chad/>

Read about a family's ministry among Arabs wherever they are found at <https://www.uk.om.org/blog/a-macedonian-call?>

Beirut is one of the oldest cities in the world, once known as 'the Paris of the Middle East'. Today, hundreds of thousands of people are displaced after the blast in August. Please pray for repairs to be done quickly and for God's comfort to the suffering. Believers in are seeking to be the Lord's hands and feet in their community. Pray for them to show the love, light and hope of Christ in practical support to those around them. <https://www.awm-pioneers.org/>

*The Annual General Church meeting will be on **Thursday 19 November at 7 pm** on Zoom. Please send any annual reports (up to March 2020) to **Sally ASAP**. Thanks!*

Everyone speaks and thinks about worship differently: how does our church understand worship? **Eugene Peterson** says: "Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our pre-occupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God". There are many ways in which we can do this, and the current situation challenges us to find new ones.

Some Christian leaders are dismayed at churches being closed again. Read about some who are protesting to the government at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Why-church-leaders-should-join-me-in-protesting-the-closure-of-our-buildings?>

Listen to Rev N T Wright, former Bishop of Durham, speaking about challenges to church life at <https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Weekday/Ask-NT-Wright-Anything/Podcast/Ask-NT-Wright-Anything-45-Worship-in-the-age-of-Covid-19?>

Neil O'Boyle, National Director of Youth For Christ, on the challenges of doing youth work during this season at: <https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Weekday/Woman-to-Woman/Interviews/Youthwork-during-a-pandemic>

Meanwhile R T Kendall issues a thought-provoking challenge at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2020/November-2020/What-if-Covid-19-really-is-God-s-judgement?>

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- £9946.23. This is mainly due to the loss of letting fees for the GSC