

Pray for our young people!

'How do you form an identity without a map, or face the future when the ground beneath your feet is turning to mud? Who is trustworthy in a world where institutions are distrusted, and where 'adults' seem impotent or negligent? This is what young people face, and studies report that they are among the most anxious in the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken elderly and vulnerable lives but is also stealing the economic future of the young. I believe seeds of God's kingdom are planted deep in the soul of many young people. The cry of justice for the poor, demonstrated by Marcus Rashford. Environmental campaigners led by Greta Thunberg. Passionate truth-tellers like Billie Eilish. Fierce seekers of equality such as Stormzy. The fearless confronting of poverty, corruption, and darkness shares much with prophetic voices in Scripture. We can easily dismiss the young as naïve, ignorant of complexity. What about those who flout COVID-19 regulations to party? Or who self-destruct whilst glued to the 'god-screen' in their pocket? Jesus is a mythical figure about whom they know almost nothing. Yet I am still optimistic. Many of the values of these seekers aching for community, justice, and protection of the planet carry profound echoes of the divine vision. This is an opportunity for the body of Christ to introduce them to the God who exhorts us 'to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly' with him (Micah 6:8). If we model authentic faith, hospitality, honest community, and concern for the poor, I believe we will gain a hearing for the gospel of Jesus with a generation who are unaware that there is a way to know God, or that his heart and theirs have so much in common.'

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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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Christ the King

Prayers for Ryde continue every day for 15 minutes at 7pm.
Join in using the link at <http://prayforryde.org/>



**Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.**

Psalm 95. 1-2

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

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

Girls' Brigade

During this 2nd lockdown we have once again taken GB onto Zoom, this time for the whole Company - Explorers, Juniors & Seniors 6-7pm and Brigaders 7.30-9pm. We are due to do the next door-step drop next weekend and wish to give every girl a 'Real Advent Calendar' so they receive a booklet with the Christmas story. We will also include all the requirements for Christingle and a Christmas gift for each girl. If you are able to make a donation to enable us to do this, we would really appreciate it. It can either be sent to me in the post or transferred directly into the 3rd Ryde Girls Brigade account at **HSBC Ryde Sort code 403917 account no 71403982**. Thank you for your ongoing support, and every blessing for a happy and healthy Christmas & New Year.
Captain Betty

Last Thursday was **World Toilet Day**. Toilet Twinning was able to twin 1020 toilets this year. Watch an inspiring short video about the difference a toilet makes to a community at <https://vimeo.com/295042160> and if you want to twin your toilet, go to <https://www.toilettwinning.org/twin-today/>

See the difference that giving to **BMS World Mission** has made over the last few months at <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/covid-19-thank-you-for-saving-lives/>

The government is planning to cut the UK Aid budget from 0.7% of gross national income to 0.5% next year. This will hurt some of the world's most marginalised communities, and also comes at a time when the world's poorest already face a stark future due to COVID-19. The cuts, on top of those already notified, will be announced tomorrow (**23 November**). 200 charity leaders, Conservative MPs and Sir Keir Starmer have all challenged the government to keep to its manifesto commitment. **Please write to our MP Bob Seely as soon as possible** asking him to support continuing the existing budget in 2021 at: <https://leprosymission.e-activist.com/page/71615/action/1>

The government wants to hear from Christians on how it can better engage with faith groups. Colin Bloom, the government's independent faith engagement adviser, is leading a review into government engagement with faith groups in England. You can find out more and respond here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

Read about the power of a letter or card to someone persecuted for their faith at <https://www.csw.org.uk/connectencourage.htm>

Advent starts next Sunday.

Sign up to receive an Advent prayer and study guide or daily emails from SAT-7 at <https://www.sat7uk.org/pages/advent-2020-sign-up/>

Check out this article at <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/five-ways-to-encourage-each-other-and-focus-on-jesus-this-advent/>

*Thank you for your continued financial support of the work of the Church. If you are able to give by standing order, **PLEASE** do so!*
**RBC Barclays current account number 20731102
sort code 20—60— 55**

*If you usually give by cash or cheque, contact **Jim** on **810991** to arrange delivery or collection*

We are currently running at a deficit as follows:
- £13292.56. This is due to the loss of letting fees for the GSC and the continuing need to pay utility bills and repay loans.