

<https://www.thenivbible.com/blog/one-thing-we-know-in-uncertain-times/>

'This, Christian, is what you must do. You must put your soul in one position and leave it there. You must stay upon the Lord; and come what may – winds, waves, cross-seas, thunder, lightning, frowning rocks, roaring breakers – no matter what, you must lash yourself to the helm, and hold fast your confidence in God's faithfulness, His covenant engagement, His everlasting love in Christ Jesus.'

**Richard Fuller (1804-1876)**

'We all are brought up differently when it comes to emotions. Some are taught to let it all out, but many are told that expressing emotion is bad. Boys are shamed when they cry, girls told off for not being ladylike, and children told to calm down when excited. Perhaps we have grown up with images of a serene Jesus, calm and collected, so 'becoming more like Jesus' must mean becoming more controlled and less emotional. We are not always helped by our collective worship which often expresses a tamed form of joy. It is great to celebrate God by responding in joy, but if that is the only emotion we bring, we miss out on the God of justice when we bring anger; the God of comfort when we bring grief; the God of protection when we bring fear; and the God of forgiveness when we bring shame. Jesus in the gospels feels and expresses the full range of emotion, but unlike us, he does so without sinning. Try to bring more of yourself to God in worship today. We do not need to split up our emotions into 'acceptable' and 'unacceptable' before God. When we acknowledge the full extent of our emotions, we discover a wonderful fact: we have a God who wants to listen.'

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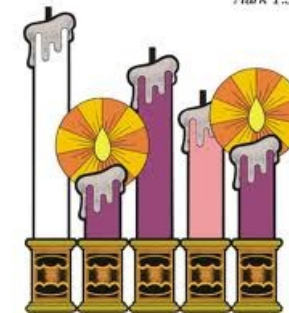
**Please note!** Items for 7/52 should be given to **Sally** by **midnight THURSDAY** on 641305 or email: [ian.pratt5@btopenworld.com](mailto:ian.pratt5@btopenworld.com)

# 7/52 @ RBC

**29 November 2020**  
**First Sunday of advent**

## PREPARATION

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight."  
*Mark 1.3*



**Prayers for Ryde** continue every day for 15 minutes at 7pm. Join in using the link at **[Pray for Ryde – Continuing in Prayer](#)**

Check out our website at **[www.rydebaptist.xyz](http://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](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/338268/Prayer_broadcasts.aspx)

Please contact **Alison** on [alison.ridout@btinternet.com](mailto:alison.ridout@btinternet.com) by phone for the link to the Thursday Zoom coffee morning.

## **Girls' Brigade**

To donate to Girls Brigade for Christmas, either send a cheque to Betty or transfer directly into 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

The CEO of Tearfund, Nigel Harris, believes that the cut to international aid this week is morally wrong. Read more at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Rishi-Sunak-s-harsh-decision-to-cut-aid-is-morally-wrong>

Starfish Asia's latest newsletter is now available for download at [\*\*Issue 66 - Starfish Asia\*\*](#)

A plea for unity transcending differences of opinion at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Squabbling-over-who-is-really-a-Christian-is-hurting-the-Church-s-witness.-We-must-do-better>

The faith of the Queen which is played down in 'The Crown': <https://www.womanalive.co.uk/stories/view?articleid=3322>

**Today is the beginning of Advent.** Christmas will soon follow! Support your favourite missionary societies by buying Christmas cards and gifts, buying a 'gift for life' or giving a donation to one of their many projects.

<https://www.bmsworldmission.org/>

[https://www.tearfund.org/about\\_you/resources/christmascards/](https://www.tearfund.org/about_you/resources/christmascards/)

<https://www.tearfund.org/en/give/christmas/>

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/gifts/>

<https://action.traidcraft.org.uk/not-christmas-donate>

<https://www.tlmtrading.com/gifts/>

[\*\*Will you cure a child like Abish this Christmas? | The Leprosy Mission \(netdonor.net\)\*\*](#)

<https://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk/>

<https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1>

<https://www.uk.om.org/donate/christmas-appeal/25>

[\*\*The Embrace Christmas Appeal | Embrace the Middle East \(embraceme.org\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*Must Have Gifts for Charity | World Vision UK\*\*](#)

[\*\*Make a donation - Starfish Asia\*\*](#)

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**RBC Barclays current account number 20731102  
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*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.**