

A prayer for the New Year:

'Father, we surrender this past year and give it up to you. We give you our failures, our regrets, and our disappointments, for we have no more use for them. Make us now a new people, forgetting what lies behind and pressing on towards that which lies ahead of us.

We give you all our hopes and dreams for the future. Purify them by your Spirit so that our wills shall truly reflect your will for us.

As we stand on the threshold of another year, encourage us by our successes of the past, challenge us by the power of your word, and guide us by the presence of your Holy Spirit.'

Amen.

*Who knows the name and country now
Of that rich man who lived of old,
Whose horses fed at silver mangers,
And drank of wine from troughs of gold?*

*He who was in a manger born,
By gold and silver undefiled -
Is known as Christ to every man
And Jesus to a little child.*

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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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A very happy New Year to all our readers!

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

Philippians 4:6-7



Check out our website at www.rydebaptist.xyz for general updates, sermon notes and suggestions for reading and study.



What's On

Worship with Premier Radio

10 am Sunday Worship at home

6 pm Sunday Live with Pam Rhodes, followed by Prayer of Hope with Churches Together at **7 pm**

BBC1 10 am Sunday worship; Songs of Praise **1.15 pm**



The first live prayer event of 2021 for Baptists Together is on **Wednesday 13 January at 7pm.**

In case you missed them:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/Blog/Editor-picks-Our-15-best-articles-of-2020?>

How OM is helping to plant churches in Sudan at <https://www.uk.om.org/blog/fresh-start-for-church-planters-in-sudan>

Watch Asian homeworkers campaigning for a better deal at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=On2zOCpjTVQ>

Persecution of Christians has increased greatly this past year. Invite our MP Bob Seely to the launch of the World Watch List on Christian persecution in Parliament on 13 January at <https://advocacy.opendoorsuk.org/page/68846/action/1>

The Evangelical Alliance Week of Prayer goes back to the year after the launch of Evangelical Alliance in 1846. It has had major take-up in many countries in Europe for a long time, and pre-dates the ecumenical 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity' by about a century. This year it takes place from 10-17 January. Read more and download resources at <https://www.europeanea.org/week-of-prayer/>

'Let us beware of all teaching that does not set forth Christ. What more would you know? What more do you need, if indeed you know Christ, if you walk by faith in God, and by love to your neighbour, doing to him as Christ has done to you. This is indeed the whole Scripture in its briefest form: that no mere words or books are needed, but only life and action.



Let everyone examine himself in the light of the Gospel and see how far he is from Christ, and what is the character of his faith and love. There are many who are enkindled with dreamy devotion, and when they hear of the poverty of Christ, they are almost angry with the citizens of Bethlehem. They denounce their blindness and ingratitude, and think, if they had been there, they would have shown the Lord and his mother a more kindly service, and would not have permitted them to be treated so miserably.

But they do not look by their side to see how many of their fellow humans need their help, and which they ignore in their misery. Who is there upon earth that has no poor, miserable, sick, erring ones around him? Why does he not exercise his love to those? Why does he not do to them as Christ has done to him?'

Martin Luther (1483-1546) - from '*Sermon for Christmas Day*'

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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.