

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have urged people to take a moment each day to pause and remember the more than 100,000 people across the UK who have died after contracting Covid-19. In an open letter to the nation, the Most Rev Justin Welby and the Most Rev Stephen Cottrell wrote: "One hundred thousand isn't just an abstract figure. Each number is a person: someone we loved and someone who loved us. We also believe that each of these people was known to God and cherished by God." Mr Welby and Mr Cottrell called on people to join in a "prayer for the nation" at 6pm every day from 1st February.

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,

You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement, May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest times, Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of life, thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness.

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.

Prayer from CAFOD

7/52 @ RBC

31 January 2021

BMS Day of Prayer



In the service today we will be praying for BMS World Mission work across the world.

You can use the attached list of prayer points in your own prayers.

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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 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 10.30 am The Big Questions **1.15 pm** Songs of Praise



Recordings of all BU prayer broadcasts can be found at **The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Prayer broadcasts** .

Each year, the UK spends £10 billion subsidising fossil fuels, while climate disasters hit poor countries hardest. Traidcraft is asking people to support the UK joining countries including New Zealand, Norway, and Costa Rica who have created a trade agreement called ACCTS to end fossil fuel subsidies and help green businesses to thrive. Sign up at

<https://action.traidcraft.org.uk/say-yes-green-trade#>

Got a birthday or anniversary coming up for someone in your family? Buy a gift for life with 20% discount until **31 January** at **<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/gifts/by-category/charity-gifts>**

Help wanted

Could you make a card for an Island care home resident without family and friends? Can you knit or crochet a sea creature for a sensory aquarium? Craft materials available. Contact Rebecca Savage on **07419 338066** or **rebecca@embracingage.org.uk**

'The stories on the evening news are not the ultimate reality. Instead, God's final reality is a heavenly kingdom to which we aspire. If we keep our eyes on him and make decisions based on faith, we become agents of a God who can move mountains. Faith is based on the objective Word of God. In fact, faith is crucial to our daily walk with God. We must remember that "without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (**Hebrews 11:6**).'

Some people are very wary of receiving the vaccine against COVID-19, and there have been various conspiracy theories circulating on social media. Here are some articles on this topic:

<https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/justin-welby-getting-covid-vaccine-is-part-of-christ-s-commandment-to-love-each-other>

<https://www.premiergospel.org.uk/News-Reviews/Sadiq-Khan-Says-Vaccine-Is-Safe>

<https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/faith-groups-to-help-uk-government-debunk-covid-vaccine-myths>

Meanwhile the government of South Africa has paid over double the price that European countries have been charged for vaccines. So far, almost 40 million doses have been administered in 49 higher-income countries, compared to just 25 doses in Guinea, the only low-income nation in Africa to provide any vaccines. The vaccine was publicly funded and countries in the global south should not be charged more than rich countries. The UK has committed £548m to WHO's Covax programme to support access to Covid-19 vaccines for up to 92 developing countries. Ask AstraZeneca today to ensure their pledge of non-profit pricing is applied fairly to all countries so that no lower-income country pays more for the vaccine than high income countries. See **<https://act.globaljustice.org.uk/astrazeneca-why-south-africa-paying-more-rich-countries-vaccines?>**

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We are currently running at a deficit as follows:

- £15.875.68. This is due to the loss of letting fees for the GSC and the continuing need to pay utility bills and repay loans.