

Yahweh, the great 'I am',  
Created by the one who made the heavens and the Earth, I am.  
Inspired by the one who breathed life into all living things, I am.  
Rescued by the one who gave Noah the blueprint for the ark, I am.  
Confident in the one who kept the promise to Abraham, I am.  
Appointed by the one who gave Joseph purpose, I am.  
Freed by the one who broke the chains of injustice in Egypt, I am.  
Enabled by the one who makes it possible to defeat giants with a sling, I am.  
Restored by the one who brought Israel back from exile, I am.  
Forgiven by the one who cries out forgiveness from the cross, I am.  
Awakened by the one who awakens the dead, I am.  
Renewed by the one who will renew all things, I am.  
Made in the image of the one called, 'I am who I am', I am.  
Amen.

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### World Day of Prayer 5 March

This is happening virtually this year, and there is a 1-hour video on YouTube which you can join in. The first part is about Vanuatu, the country involved this year, followed by a service by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada:

<https://youtu.be/0rWE3TCR59U>

The Committee awards grants each year to various Christian charities. Day of Prayer is the only source of income that they have.

Donations can be made at <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>.

Cheques to World Day of Prayer and sent to World Day of Prayer, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2RR.

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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

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**The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 5 March.  
See more on the back page.**

**Prayers for Ryde** continue every Monday for 15 minutes at 7pm. Join in using the link at **Pray for Ryde – Continuing in Prayer**  
This is followed by our own prayer meeting using the usual link.

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 11.15 am** Sunday Worship for Lent

**BBC2 1.15 pm** Songs of Praise



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

We are now halfway through **Fair Trade fortnight** (22 February–7 March). Please support this by buying Fairtrade goods from Waitrose or the Co-op, or for a 20% discount on Fairtrade items, go to: <https://www.ethicalsuperstore.com/fairtrade-fortnight/>

<https://onlineshop.oxfam.org.uk/>

**Fair Trade Products & Ethical Gifts | Traidcraft Online Shop** ([traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://traidcraftshop.co.uk))

For lots of recipes using Fairtrade ingredients, and stories about how Fairtrade helps farmers, go to <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/choose-the-world-you-want/>

Although satellite TV remains dominant in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), catchup TV and mobile access are increasingly popular, especially with young people. On Monday 22 February, SAT-7 launched **SAT-7 PLUS**, the region's first ever on-demand Christian TV service, available on web browsers, and an app for all mobiles. MENA viewers will be able to access all SAT-7's language channels (Arabic, Farsi/Persian and Turkish) and share Christian content instantly with their friends. Read more at <https://www.sat7uk.org/first-middle-east-on-demand-christian-video-service/>

Stand with the people of Myanmar by asking the Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, to start sanctions against the military dictatorship, and allow aid to get through, at <https://csw.e-activist.com/page/76441/action/1>

'As we enter Lent this year, what do you lament? After twelve months of lockdown, poverty looming, Brexit unfolding, and polarisation accelerating, there's ash aplenty to cross your brow. ... I grieve that amidst calamity, churches have sometimes turned inward in self-protection, forgetting the world, or turned outward in judgement... Often we're content to condemn, critique, copy, or consume 'the world', lacking vision and desire to keep and make culture. In part, this failure traces back to a narrow 'gospel' fixated on what we're saved *from*, rather than what we're saved *for*. To be sure, the good news announces what God-in-Christ has done, saving us from sin. And yet, there's more! We have a resurrection hope animating us for action, grounded in the story of salvation that stretches from creation to new creation, via the cross. When we see ourselves within the whole biblical story, where Jesus is Lord of all, everything changes. We're invited to join in God's labour, the gospel working its way out on our local turf. So, this Lent, let's humbly embrace the call to culture-making, truly loving the world Emmanuel came to save. Our God reigns! That's good news, which really sings when we start at the story's beginning...'

*Dave Benson, Culture & Discipleship Director, LICC*

Read more and find more resources for the journey at

<https://licc.org.uk/resources/culture-making-with-god/>



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**We are currently running at a large deficit, due to the loss of letting fees for the GSC and the continuing need to pay utility bills and repay loans.**