

Following the news that **Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh**, has died aged 99, the Archbishop of Canterbury has paid tribute to him for his selfless public service and unfailing support of the Queen, and also his wider legacy in founding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 1956, which inspired generations of young people with a vision for citizenship and a desire to serve their communities. His work with countless charities and organisations reflected his wide-ranging global interests in topics including wildlife, sport, design, engineering and inter-faith dialogue.

We pray for the Royal family at this sad time, especially for the Queen, with whom he shared his life for over 70 years.

We pray that the Queen's very real and deep Christian faith will be a source of strength and comfort to her over the next weeks and months.



RT Kendall reflects on the meaning of the Cross at

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/what-really-happened-to-jesus-on-the-cross/3901.article>

A dramatic retelling of the Easter story through the eyes of a centurion at

<https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/Weekday/Special-Easter-Programming-2021/Episodes/Centurion>

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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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Prayers for Ryde with our fellow believers in other Ryde churches at 7 pm tomorrow and every Monday.

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 1.15 pm Songs of Praise



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

Arab World Mission is hosting an online prayer evening on Zoom, on Monday 12 April from 7.30pm until 9pm. We look forward to hearing from more of our workers. If you would like to join us, please contact Chris at chrisb@awm-pioneers.org for the relevant information.

Partnering with Stewardship and charity partners across denominations, **YourNeighbour** has identified and curated some church-based social action projects across the UK responding where the need is greatest. This Sunday they are asking Christians to give £20 to resource and revitalise life-changing, church-led projects. See more at <https://www.give.net/givehope>

Labour leader **Keir Starmer** has been in trouble this week after visiting Jesus House, a church in London housing a vaccination centre and a food bank. He has apologised for his visit which offended some members of the LGBTQ+ community. The church has also been visited by the Prime Minister. Here is the pastor's reply:

<https://www.premierchristianity.com/we-do-not-engage-in-conversion-therapy-pastor-agu-responds-to-keir-starmer-lgbt-controversy/4255.article>

James Mildred, of Christian Action Research and Education (CARE) is concerned that Starmer apologised for visiting a church on Good Friday: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/keir-starmer-apology-for-visiting-a-church-is-deeply-concerning/4256.article>

Here's a very relevant article about the rise of 'cancel' culture: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/Past-Issues/2021/March-2021/You-ve-been-cancelled>



We hope you enjoyed your afternoon teas on Easter Sunday! A **big thank you** to Betty for organising, to those who delivered the packages, and especially to **Tesco and their Community Champion Jan Gibson** for supporting the tea with their generous donation.

Easter Day marks something on which everything depends.

Something so pivotal that without it, our faith is futile according to the apostle Paul. It is resurrection day. We remember, we marvel, we rejoice, because our friend who was dead is alive again. Because our saviour, who went to the cross in our place, has silenced our shame and bought our freedom. Because the sting of death has met its match. **Because Jesus is alive!** The one we love and the one we follow has made a way for us to follow Him even through death, and into resurrection life. **He has given us a foretaste of the kind of life that is to come. Life in a world made new.** And while we long for that day, we also celebrate now - we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and over the grave that couldn't hold Him. Let us journey to the empty tomb today. Let us realise its significance afresh. **And then let us go out, with the joy of those first female witnesses, running eagerly to share the news that would change the world.**
(with thanks to OM)

*Thank you for all your continued financial support of the work of the Church. If you are able to give by standing order, **PLEASE** do so!*

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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.