

'When I think about the wonder of a seed ... it's hard not to be awe-struck and amazed. Somehow, each tiny speck of a seed knows what it is supposed to be, and even if you label them incorrectly, the right flower will grow! I don't understand how the information is squeezed into a tiny seed about what kind of flower to be, large or small, red, yellow or purple, tall or trailing. But it is a lovely thing to realize, that these seeds will make *Cosmos bipinnatus* in soft pastels with unusual curled petals and the other ones, which to me look exactly the same, will make the same flower but it will be *Cosmos sulphureus* with orange, yellow and red flowers and plain petals. How do they know which to be without a label? Miraculous! Seeds, however they work, are truly a miracle. They are awe-inspiring to watch, they are evidence of the majesty of nature crammed in to a tiny package.'



'The life a seed brings forth is an expression of love that is meant to continue. The harvest bestows graciously an abundance of food and the means to co-create. Each one of us is a seed that has been planted. We are the harvest. Love is the gift, and we are the ones who sow the gift. The choice is always ours to broadcast love. We certainly have an excellent example through the wisdom of nature unfolding before our eyes. Now as always, the seeds we sow determine the future. The spark of love is in our hearts, our thoughts, our words, and our actions. The miracle of the seed is contained in the truth of sowing and reaping, the rhythm of creation. May we remember to trust the miracle, and move forward with focused, determined intention. Love is stronger than death. May we hear the beating of the drum and dance the dance of life.'

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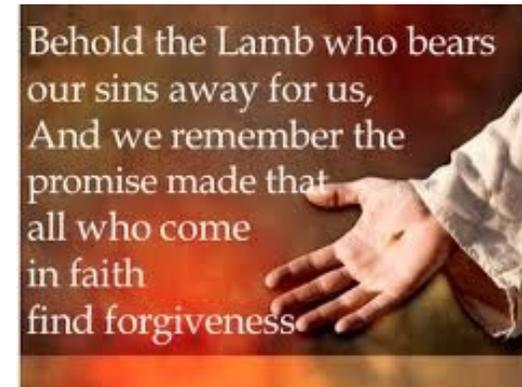
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Please note! Items for 7/52 should be given to **Sally** by **midnight THURSDAY** on 641305 or email: ian.pratt5@btopenworld.com

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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 10.45 am Sunday morning stories **1.15 pm** Songs of Praise



BU prayer broadcast 7 pm on Wednesday 21 April.
Recordings of all BU prayer broadcasts at **The Baptist Union of Great Britain : Prayer broadcasts.**

BMS World Mission General Director Kang-San Tan has now sent the petition for the Campaign for a Covid-free world to Downing Street. We still need prayers to ensure that vulnerable people across the world get access to the vaccine. Please consider making a monthly gift to the campaign at

<https://rsm2.rsmsecure.com/directdebit/dd.php>

From Monday 12 April, Christians are praying for Muslims using the **30 DAYS OF PRAYER** guide. Order your copy at **<https://www.awm-pioneers.org/2021/02/30-days-of-prayer-2021>**
Sign up for a virtual prayer meeting on the Night of Power, a special night of the year for Muslims, on Saturday 8 May, at **https://www.awm-pioneers.org/2021/04/night_of_power_2021/**

Over 1,100 viewers get in touch with SAT-7 every day, an increase of 30% over the last year as people in the Middle East and North Africa have been grappling with coronavirus on top of other huge trials. God is moving in extraordinary ways... there's an awakening across the region, a spiritual thirst. You can help by praying, or by donating at **https://www.sat7uk.org/pages/easter/?dm_i=5CCD,CQT6,3MD6XN,1GJ64,1#easter-donation-form-2021**

A big **THANKYOU** from the **Leprosy Mission** for your recent support following the virtual service in February. £209 was raised, which will be doubled by the UK Government to **£418**. This will help to build Hubs of Hope in Mozambique.



The Lent journey leads to Jerusalem, where Christ's restoring work conquered Satan and saved us from sin. But we do not stop there, for with resurrection power, we are baptised in the Holy Spirit and sent out on mission together as Jesus' hands and feet. This is the whole church taking the whole gospel to the whole world, starting where you are. Through the Spirit, God began the intensive therapy of healing the body and soul of every believer, with holy behaviour and life-giving fruit flowing from a heart of love. In turn, disciples were sent together to bring healing to the world, becoming the beating centre of a transformed society. When gathered, we re-member who we are called to be as Christ's body. When scattered, we move in God's power to rebuild the ancient ruins right where we live, learn, labour, shop, and play. By inspiring the founding of hospitals and schools; catalysing courage to protect the vulnerable; venturing capital to create jobs; being faith-full citizens; and empowering the reconstruction of communities once segregated, forging them into a diverse family – in all these ways and more, the Holy Spirit's acts establish a model for humanity to follow. We are each called to reconcile, starting with radical hospitality in our homes. To go from that upper room of waiting on the Helper, heading out as ambassadors to exhibit supernatural compassion in every endeavour, that all may be made well: 'Go and minister grace and love!'

Dave Benson, Culture & Discipleship Director, LICC

*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.