

Earth Day began from Christian origins in 1970. This year's theme is 'Restore our Earth', and millions of people have planted trees, cleaned up rubbish and participated in recycling and conservation. People are calling for action to stop global warming, to reverse environmental destruction and for the creation of greener business and schools. Restoring the earth, according to Genesis 1, is a God-given task: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature. So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself," (*Genesis 1:26 MSG*). As politicians from around the world gather for a climate summit and discuss reductions in pollution and development of clean-energy industries, pray that God might give them divine wisdom and revelation, that they would see what can be done to restore the earth and have courage to get it done.

Father God, you gave your only Son, Jesus, because you loved the world, and through his life, death and resurrection, the world is being reconciled, restored, made whole. What can I do today to play a part in helping to restore the earth? I surrender to your great love for me, and I ask that it would flow through me. Help me to love the world, and to take seriously the task of reconciliation and restoration that you have given to me.
Amen

This year, the UK is hosting two critical summits – the G7 in June and COP26 in November. World governments must work together for a recovery that tackles poverty and injustice, helps end climate and nature crises, and provides vaccines and healthcare for all. Tearfund's **Wave of Hope** encourages us to put up homemade 'hands' with messages of hope in our windows, add photos to a gallery, and display them at the G7 and COP26. Read more and join in at <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/reboot-campaign/wave-of-hope>

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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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25 April 2021



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**

BBC2 1.15 pm Songs of Praise



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

How a young woman is beginning to realise her dream to take the gospel to Indian people by working with a multicultural church in the UK - <https://www.uk.om.org/blog/send-me>

Since the military coup in Myanmar/Burma, over 700 people have been killed by the military in cities and more than 3,000 people have been jailed. Away from cities, the military has broken its ceasefire with ethnic groups and is attacking civilians, with over 20,000 people displaced following airstrikes in Karen State from 27 March. The EU, UK and US governments have now sanctioned the Myanmar/Burma military, but must do more to prevent violence from escalating. Please write to the Foreign Secretary calling on the UK government to lead a global arms embargo at <https://csw.e-activist.com/page/80811/action/1>

World Vision and 200 other charities have written to the Government urging them to drop plans to cut the foreign aid budget. Read more at: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/the-uks-500m-cut-to-foreign-aid-means-children-around-the-world-will-face-a-bleak-future/4289.article>

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/

'Do good until it is an unconscious habit of life and you do not know that you are doing it. Get into the habit of having such a relationship to God...that you will no longer trust your own impulse, or your own judgment, you will trust only the inspiration of the Spirit of God. The mainspring of your motives will be the Father's heart, not your own, the Father's understanding, not your own. When once you are rightly related to God, he will use you as a channel through which his disposition will follow. Much modern philanthropy is based on the motive of giving to the poor man because he deserves it, or because we are distressed at seeing him poor. Jesus never taught charity from those motives: he said 'Give to him who asks you, not because he deserves it, but because I tell you to.' We can always find 101 reasons for not obeying Christ's commands, because we will trust our reasoning rather than his reason, and our reason does not take God into consideration. Do we argue: 'Does this man deserve what I am giving him?' Immediately you talk like that, the Spirit of God says, 'Who are you? Do you deserve more than other men the blessings you have?'"

Oswald Chambers



Bishop Dr Joe Aldred urges us to keep working for racial justice: <https://www.premierchristianity.com/opinion/the-guilty-verdict-in-the-george-floyd-case-is-the-beginning-not-the-end-of-the-fight-for-racial-justice/4276.article>

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*If you usually give by cash or cheque, contact **Jim** on **810991** to arrange delivery or collection*

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.