

'According to the prophets, peace does not begin with kings or presidents or heads of state – it begins with the people. It is not politicians who lead the way to peace, it is the people of God who lead the politicians to peace. It begins with us.

Some will say, 'All we can do is pray'. That's a lie. When we ask God to move a mountain, sometimes he gives us a shovel. Or in our case, an anvil, a forge, and a hammer. We can do more than just pray. We can organise and build healthier communities and better jobs. We can teach love instead of fear, and the value of diversity. We can train ourselves in non-violence and restorative justice. Faith is believing despite the evidence, and watching the evidence change. The Bible ends with a vision of the new Jerusalem – a city healed and restored, with a river of life and a tree of life and a gate that is left open to all. May we be the midwives of a better world – through our prayers, by our lives and with our hammers.'

Shane Claiborne, recent speaker at the BU conference. See more at [Red Letter Christians UK – Living for Jesus and Justice](#)

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**30 May 2021**

**Trinity Sunday**



**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.

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## **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.**

Read the inspiring story of a young Indian man whose life was changed by his local church and community:

**<https://www.premierchristianity.com/opinion/i-grew-up-in-an-indian-slum-now-thanks-to-god-im-helping-others/4386.article>**

In Myanmar/Burma, churches are places of shelter for those fleeing attacks. Last Monday, elderly people and children were reportedly sheltering in a Catholic church in Kayan Thar Yar village in Kayah (Karen) State. At 1 am the Myanmar army fired a heavy artillery shell at the church, killing four civilians and injuring eight. This was not a lone incident, but the latest in a series of attacks on Christians and churches that have taken place amid a wider crackdown on civilians since the coup. Please join the campaign for a global arms embargo against the Myanmar military at:

**<https://csw.e-activist.com/page/80811/action/1>**



A plea for prayer from a Christian family in Israel at:

**<https://www.womanalive.co.uk/stories/view?articleid=3435>**

A concerning news article on another important issue:

**<https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/bishop-warns-of-crossing-moral-line-as-assisted-dying-bill-gets-first-reading-in-house-of-lords>**

**Trinity Sunday** is the day set aside to reflect on one of Christianity's most interesting and difficult-to-understand doctrines: the Trinity. This doctrine posits that God is *one* God who is also *three* persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Unlike other tenets of the Christian faith, the doctrine of the Trinity is never concisely explained in one place in Scripture (the word "Trinity" does not appear in the Bible) and is a difficult concept to grasp logically. But Christians believe that it *is* the clear teaching of the Bible, and that the three persons who comprise the Trinity fill distinct but essential roles in God's relationship with humanity and creation.

Nonetheless, Christians have long struggled to understand God's three-part nature without inadvertently drifting into any of many heresies that misrepresent the Trinity. This video humorously illustrates how quickly you can get into theological trouble when you try to explain the Trinity:

**<https://youtu.be/KQLfgaUoQCw>**

The exact way in which the Trinity works is a mystery we can't understand, but pondering it isn't an act of pointless theological hair-splitting. It's important and worth reflection because this is how God reveals himself to us in the Bible.

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