

'Christianity has had a dual legacy. One legacy —the *true* legacy— is a legacy of love, modelled on the life and teachings of Jesus. The earliest Christians cared for the sick, provided for the poor, rescued babies deemed unfit by their societies, and dedicated their lives to Jesus. Along with sharing the Gospel, missionaries have shared medicine and literacy around the world. Christians have established schools, hospitals, and orphanages. Even today, Christians seek to end slavery and sex trafficking. This is the true legacy of the cross, established by Jesus himself.

The other legacy —antithetical to the Gospel— is one of bigotry, hypocrisy, and using religion as a disguise for personal gain at the expense of others. For example, the cross, which should be a symbol of love and hope, was used as an object of fear and hatred when set ablaze by members of the KKK. In many ways, large and small, people have acted in the name of Jesus to perpetrate violent, unjust, and hateful deeds.

These are the legacies that Christians have established since Jesus's death and resurrection. We must now ask ourselves, what will *our* Christian legacy be? Will we love at all costs at the risk of losing our own importance, wealth, or even our lives? Or will we live down to the negative characterizations that society has of us? The choice is ours. Let us deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus. Let us choose a legacy of love.'

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# 7/52 @ RBC

**6 June 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**

**BBC1 1.15 pm** Songs of Praise



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

Christians are under constant attack in India. Anti-Christian propaganda fuels violence and discrimination. Be part of the urgent global **Open Doors** campaign, called for by the Indian church, by inviting our MP to the briefing on 1 July of a new report on India's religious minorities: *Destructive Lies*. The report was commissioned by Open Doors and conducted by the London School of Economics. Contact Bob Seely here: <https://advocacy.opendoorsuk.org/page/82925/action/1>

In the past year, **BMS** has given emergency funds to needy people after earthquakes in Croatia and cyclones in South Asia, following the coup in Myanmar, and the Beirut blast. This was only possible because of the disaster recovery fund. You can help by praying and helping to keep the disaster recovery fund topped up. See how at: <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/appeal/disaster-recovery/>

Several MPs have tabled an amendment to force the UK government to reinstate the legally-binding target of spending 0.7 per cent of national income on aid from next year. The amendment will be tabled in the House of Commons on **Monday, 7 June**, days before the G7 Summit begins. Please email Bob Seely MP asking him to support this amendment before Monday at <https://leprosymission.e-activist.com/page/83916/action/1>

This year marks SAT-7's 25th anniversary, and they are developing strategy to build on the impact made in 2020. Read more at <https://www.sat7uk.org/pages/annual-report-2020/>

'William Booth famously said: "You cannot warm the hearts of people with God's love if they have an empty stomach and cold feet." We need to practically show God's love, but these actions are supposed to bring clarity to the truth of the gospel message we then communicate. To offer thirsty people a cup of water without explaining where the source of water can be found is wrong. As we love people with acts of kindness, meet practical need and stand against injustice, we must also consistently and clearly communicate the source of our hope and power. We must explain the way by which God's love can conquer the **greatest** problem we *all* have - not physical poverty or a circumstantial challenge, but spiritual death (Romans 10:14-15).'

*Ben Jack*



**June** *Several people were able to join us for a picnic in Appley Park last Sunday. We plan to be there again this coming Sunday as the weather forecast looks good. We look forward to seeing you at 1 pm if you can make it. Parking is usually OK in Marina Avenue and surrounding roads.*  
*Ian and Sally*

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

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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.**