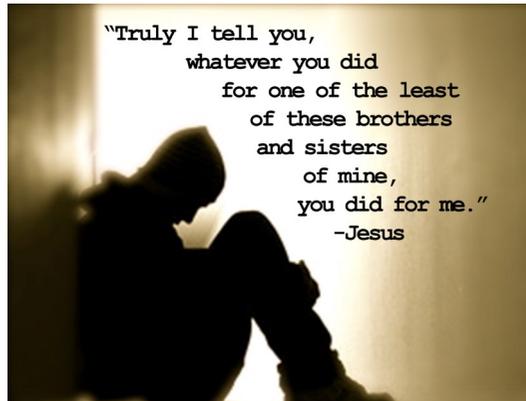


The **Archbishop of Canterbury** has taken to the streets to taste life as a Big Issue vendor, selling the magazine alongside a local vendor at his pitch outside the Round Church in Cambridge. The archbishop said: "The Big Issue changes lives and changes society. Each time you stop for a chat with a vendor and buy a copy of the magazine, you are part of that change... it's clear that homelessness is an issue that matters profoundly to God, and that tackling poverty together is the essential work of a society where every person is truly valued."

### A prayer for the homeless and displaced

Dear Lord,  
Hear our prayers for those who seek shelter,  
Help us walk with them as they journey to easier times.  
We pray that they find hope and comfort in knowing you are beside them.  
And we thank you for all those who support and care for the displaced and those who are struggling.  
In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... **Matthew 25:35***



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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](mailto:ian.pratt5@btopenworld.com)

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**27 June 2021**



**Prayers for Ryde** with our fellow believers in other Ryde churches at **7 pm** tonight, then tomorrow and every Monday. Join in using the link at **[Pray for Ryde – Continuing in Prayer](#)**

Check out our website at **[www.rydebaptist.xyz](http://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.**

Read more about what BMS has been doing in Chad in the second episode of <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/news/operation-chad-one-year-on-revisited/>

Watch how the Covid pandemic changed life on board the Logos Hope at <https://vimeo.com/534005303>

Watch a very short video about how the Leprosy Mission's work in Nepal has progressed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyOPAsy42NM>

**STANDING STRONG LIVE— India - Church in Crisis - 1 July 8.15pm** The church in India is under attack. Some Hindu extremists have said they wish to eradicate Christianity altogether. Hear more about the situation from Open Doors and be inspired to pray for the church in India. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/standing-strong-live-prayer-without-borders-india-church-in-crisis-registration-156522752767> Please also email our MP if you have not already done so, at [bob.seely.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:bob.seely.mp@parliament.uk) to invite him to the webinar.

The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is in crisis. Decades of conflict, disease and natural disasters have forced over 5 million people from their homes, and the recent volcanic eruption in Goma is causing a wave of devastation. Donate to Tear Fund's appeal at <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/drc-emergency-appeal> and join a live event on 1 July at 7 pm to hear more about life in the DRC at <https://giving.give-star.com/event/tearfund/living-with-conflict-volcano-s-and-covid19-8e4aa>



*The leadership team has decided to open the church fully for worship on the first Sunday in September. The last Zoom service will be on 25 July, and we are planning some 'summertime specials' on Sunday mornings in August.*

The **next church meeting**, which will also be the AGM, will be on **Thursday 22 July at 7.30 pm** in the centre. There will be a vote on nominations for deacon, which must be received by **4 July**.

Open Doors ranks **China** at No. 17 on its World Watch List of 50 countries where Christians are most persecuted. The Chinese Communist Party is concerned about Christianity growing and is trying to control the church by using mass surveillance technology, artificial intelligence, and cameras forcibly installed inside church buildings, offering boxes, and Bible-selling counters. There is also an officially approved Chinese Bible translation. Read about **Project Pearl**, an exciting mission 40 years ago to smuggle Bibles into China at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/history/how-one-million-bibles-were-smuggled-into-china-in-just-two-hours/4402.article>

However persecuting Christianity is like throwing water on an oil fire; it spreads and expands the fire. If the church keeps growing at its current rate, it will be **300 million** strong by 2030.

***Praise the Lord and thank you** for the generous and positive way that people have responded to the financial situation!*

*If you are able to give by standing order, please do so!*  
**RBC Barclays current account number 20731102  
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*If you usually give by cash or cheque, contact **Jim** on **810991** to arrange delivery or collection*

Ryde Baptist Church is now set up as a cause on **Easyfundraising**. It's easy to set up an account and select a cause but if you are unsure, please contact **Jim**.