

Rediscovering joy

A meme at the beginning of 2021 read, "I'd like to cancel my subscription to 2021. I've experienced the free 7-day trial and I am not interested". The world's brokenness and our own do not adhere to the calendar; the issues are evergreen and demand consistent work. However, something bigger is happening as well: "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). One of the ways God shows Himself is in countering fear: "Do not be anxious about anything" (Philippians 4:6).

Joy rooted in God's goodness is a gift He continually offers to us if we will accept it. Because of the change brought about by the global pandemic, our false sense of control is in a heap in the corner and our eyes have been opened to the one true reality: Jesus is the only one who knows everything, and He is in full control. He desires us to find peace and contentment in Him.

Have you ever delightfully danced with your children, or come home to a puppy who believes that you are the best thing since sliced bread? If so, you have glimpsed a bit of what God wants us to find in our relationship with Him. For many people, even Christians, joy does not come easily, especially when facing so many changes. But as we learn to accept the gift and make it part of our daily lives, something incredible begins to happen: the joy of the Lord becomes our strength for the days ahead (*Nehemiah 8:10*).



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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](#)**

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.**

A campaign to overturn the ban on singing in churches across the country was launched this week by Premier. The Evangelical Alliance has described the ban on singing in church as "nonsensical". To sign the **Sign to Sing** petition visit: premier.org.uk/sing

Christians should care about the personal lives of their politicians, and they shouldn't be afraid to say so, says Emma Fowle at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/even-our-bishops-arent-bothered-by-hancocks-infidelity-whatever-happened-to-christian-morality/4422.article>

Tim Farron MP also insists that church leaders have an obligation to speak into political life at <https://www.premierchristianity.com/opinion/church-leaders-should-not-be-partisan-but-they-must-be-political/4423.article>

Over the last 25 years, **SAT-7** has become a large media ministry with an audience of over 25 million throughout the Middle East. To celebrate, a supporter has offered to match all single donations, and new regular gifts for a year. You can give here: <https://www.sat7uk.org/pages/anniversary-appeal-2021/>

The **Christian Solidarity Worldwide** campaign calling for a global arms embargo against the Myanmar/Burma military led to 1,360 emails to the UK Foreign Secretary. On 18 June, 119 countries supported a UN Resolution calling for the flow of arms to the military to be cut. CSW is planning more ways to keep up pressure and protect the people of Myanmar.



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

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 **today**.

In the 2010s, **Traidcraft** campaigned for a *Supermarket Watchdog* to make sure supermarkets buy in from their suppliers properly. Now the government is looking at a new plan for a *Fashion Watchdog*. If we want to change the fashion industry for good too, we need to make our voice heard now. Sign the petition at <https://action.traidcraft.org.uk/tell-government-we-want-fashion-watchdog>

This month is **Plastic-Free July**, an initiative started in 2011 and working towards a world free of plastic waste. Read more and take the plastic-free challenge at **Plastic Free July – Be Part of the Solution** and see how you can help a community to improve rubbish collection and recycling at <https://www.bintwinning.org/>

You can still donate to the BMS World Mission Global Covid relief appeal at <https://www.bmsworldmission.org/appeal/global-vaccine/>

***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
sort code 20–60– 55**

*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**.