



22nd
March
2020

Morning Service 10.30am

Be Holy

Psalm 46; 1 Peter 1:13 - 2:3

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At this time of worldwide turmoil and unknown future, we focus our minds on our God. As you know from the recent email, we have taken the decision that, in order to fulfil our social obligations, we should cease meeting for now. This includes gathering on Sundays, as Life groups, through the Meeting Place, the April Holiday at Home and any other regular activity. We have taken this decision with a heavy heart but also a deep peace that it is the right decision.



Our prayer is that we will emerge from this stronger, deeper, humbler and with a far deeper appreciation of God's grace.

More emails will follow as our plans develop so do keep an eye on things. Please pray that we have wisdom as leaders as we change the way we work as a church.

The world may be changing but the gospel is timeless. Our lives are built on rock, not sand - let's remember that and be at peace. We look forward to the day when we will gather in celebration and worship together in the building.

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy' (1 Peter 1:15-16 - RBC Year Text)

Pastor's corner

At a time of change and uncertainty, we have a God who is faithful, the same, yesterday today and forever. Let's grow closer to him.

Family News & Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for: Evelyn Brown, Joyce Burgess, Rita Gearing, Bill Romain, Lilian Wingate, Jean Eke, Brian Sharp, and all recently bereaved.

Frances, Nicola and Stuart would like to say thank you to everyone who played a part in the service of celebration of the life of Fred Biggs. Your part, whatever it was, made a big impact on the friends and family visitors that day, not to mention us. We are pleased to say that donations received for the charity CBM which Fred supported, amount to £489, plus any online donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Winter Gardens: Pray for Winter Gardens at this time too.

Please uphold all who are struggling with physical and mental health issues. Thank God that He knows them even if not named publicly.

Please pray for all who are affected by the Coronavirus.

Please pray for Yemi & Jide Fawunmi and the family after Yemi's mum passed away last weekend.

Pray for the family of Dawn Olson as they prepare for her funeral on Tuesday 24th March, 10.40am at South Essex Crematorium.

Notices:

Foodbank requirements

We are in need of the following items, please:
Shampoo, washing up liquid, shower gel, jam, toilet rolls, toothbrushes/toothpaste, soap, washing powder, tinned potatoes, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, tinned custard, tinned spaghetti, bottled squash.

Giving

To give, either go to www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/giving or you can transfer direct to the bank account:
Sort Code No. 83 04 25 Account No. 19354486

A few things:

1. This Sunday morning the service will be broadcast live at 10.30. To view go to www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live where there is also a link for your giving. Sadly we will not be broadcasting an evening service.
2. From Monday a telephone **helpline** will be in action on 01708 743382 (select option 1) and a staff member will be there from 9.30am – 1pm. Please call this if you have any practical needs, need prayer or just someone to talk to. We have also set up a new Facebook group (RBChelp) for people to ask for help or if you can offer help such as collecting prescriptions, shopping etc.
3. Prayer meetings, study groups, youth programme, children's resources (online) will be created/organised as soon as possible. More details to follow soon.
4. The foodbank is operating as usual. Donations are vital and can be dropped off at the church between 9.30am and 1pm Mon-Fri unless staff ill health prevents this in which case an update will appear on RBCplus. If you are able to donate but outside of these times we may be able to arrange an alternative evening slot so please let us know if this would be helpful.
5. We are going to try and keep in contact with every family regularly during this time so please do expect a call from time to time from a member of the leadership team.
6. We want to encourage all of us to watch over one another so do phone one another and seek to ensure your friends and neighbours are looked after too.

We will continue to stay in touch but please also keep in touch with the church as we will be delighted to hear from you. This is obviously a time we have not been through before and we will do our best to journey through it together. God bless you.

Ian, Vikki, Jan, Hannah, Jide and the whole leadership team

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The week ahead (From 22nd March 2020):

Sunday	10am 10.30am	Prayer Service - www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live	
Monday	12pm 7.30pm	Foodbank Discipleship Explored	Juniper Room Online (via zoom)
Wednesday	7.45pm	Together @ RBC (please ask the office to receive the online link/invite)	Online (via zoom)
Sunday	10am 10.30am	Prayer Service - www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live	

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Ministry team:

Ian Bunce	Minister Team Leader
Jan Loveard	Minister with a focus on community & social action
Vikki Bunce	Minister with a focus on the older generation
Hannah Griffiths	Children, Youth & Families Worker
Jide Fawunmi	Team Pastor
Alison Savine	The Meeting Place and Outreach Leader

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