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From the Editor

Over the summer we were able to start worshipping in the church building again; a very different experience with-in a familiar setting. It's great to be able to have some so

cially distanced fellowship, via the web or in the building.

Recently, we have also come before God with a time of prayer and fasting, participating in the various events, both remotely and attending in person.

While we have cautiously taken steps in new directions as the new term has begun, in some ways it may feel like little has changed. The hope of freedom is being balanced with responsibility to curb the spread of the virus.

Isaiah 41:10 tells us *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

What hasn't changed is that God loves us.

"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" This is what we read in Romans 8:31.

My prayer is that we will live out our faith, strengthened by God, knowing

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Our purpose is to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all, with the goal that they become His loyal disciples.

Pastor's page



So here we are, the start of a new academic year. Children and young people have gone back to school, college and university. Teachers are adjusting to a new way of working. And parents are sending their children back out into the world.

But there is still so much that we do not know, still so many questions of how we will ever return to normal, whatever that looks like. We wait tentatively for the 6-o'clock news telling us numbers, new measures and future predictions. The struggle continues.

But are these things going to give us hope? Are these things going to give us the peace and assurance that we are so desperately looking for? What if we were to root ourselves in what the Lord tells us, instead of what the world is saying?

Philippians 4:6-7 says:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

The blessing of our faith and our relationship with Christ is something we cling to when times are tough. It is something we can anchor ourselves to, knowing that God is for us, His hand is upon us, and He will bring restoration.

So, may I encourage you to fix your eyes on Him, to reaffirm yourself in his promises to us. Because He knows the beginning, the middle and the end of all that is happening. May I encourage you to keep your mind open to hearing God's voice, to think only on the things He has told you. And may I encourage you to share the peace that we have, which surpasses all understanding, to others who so sorely need it.

I cannot wait for the day that we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, can all be together in the Lord's house. What an incredible day that will be! It will come, and when it does, we will give thanks and praise to our God who sustained us, protected us and brought us through this troubling time.

So take heart, know that God is at work, trust in His promises to us, lean on His word, and know that His will shall prevail.

Hannah Griffiths
Children, Youth and Families Worker

Flowers

October 2020

4th Ken Curtis
11th Cheryl Schulte
18th Iris Hooper
25th Elizabeth



November 2020

15th Fay and Brian Veares
29th Elizabeth



HAVERING STREETPASTORS UPDATE



Like many of us, there was no requirement for work for either the Streetpastors or the Railpastors during the Lock-down period. Some of our volunteers took the opportunity to help in their church, where

there was a need for deliveries, or help those self-isolating, whilst others had to shield at home.

The Rail Pastors started back at Romford in June at the request of the Station management, who were concerned about general mental health and the effect this would have on the level of suicides at Romford. Our teams are now patrolling twice a week at different times after carrying out the necessary risk assessments. Our teams do not just observe for suicide watch

but are also there to ensure the safety of travellers, so we ordered a batch of masks to hand out as the Railpastors interact with people. If you see them, say Hello, they are wearing a light blue Railpastor uniform!

The Streetpastors started patrolling in July but by August the patrols in Romford Town Centre became more difficult as the scenes on the street were chaotic. The Police are working with the pubs and clubs in Romford to ensure that the young people are correctly checked in to the venues, and currently the night-times are quieter than previously. Please pray for the Pastors, that they are able to keep safe as they work in His Service, both at Romford, Hornchurch and Romford Station. Pray also we will be able to complete a contract with Greater Anglia to visit further stations along the railway line.

Elaine Adams
Haverling Street Pastors Trustee.

Ten Commandments

A Sunday School teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour thy father and thy mother', she said: "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered: "Thou shalt not kill."



**The deadline for the
December 2020/January 2021
edition of the Grapevine is
Sunday 15th November 2020**

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray
on the Welcome Desk or email them to Cheryl at:
grapevine@romfordbaptist.org.uk



Prayer Walk

Below is the suggested route to follow and possible things to pray for along the way. We were encouraged to also pray for what God was laying on our hearts or how we felt led.



Exit the church car park by walking up the drive and turn right, stopping on Main Road opposite the police station

- Pray for all those who work in our emergency services

- Pray for those who speak up for the vulnerable, those who often have no voice, those who are trapped in trafficking or violent situations

- Pray for the Christians who work in all parts of our justice system

- Pray for those countries in our world where law and order is prejudiced or where human rights are not considered



Stop inside the gates at Raphael Park – you have walked past a children's nursery and a hotel

- Pray for all those in our education sector, from the youngest to the oldest, those who are students, teachers, support staff and all those who work alongside them

- Pray for our leisure sector – those

who work in hotels, catering establishments, travel industry, tourist attractions and entertainment businesses, all of whom have been so sadly affected by the pandemic

- Pray for those who have been made unemployed as a result of the pandemic



Walk up the main path away from the lake and turn right along the grass bank, stopping at the corner of the tennis courts

- Pray for the health of those who live in our nation, especially those who are seeking to encourage healthier lifestyles, exercise and how we live

- Pray for all those who work within the Health Service caring for the sick

- Pray for the scientists who are seeking to find a vaccine for Covid 19 and who are looking into a breakthrough in the treatment of it



Walk along the path by the tennis courts, turn left by the café and down the hill, turning left along the path through the trees, stopping before you reach the tarmac path at the end

- Pray for the world in which we live – what sounds can you

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hear or birds/animals that you can see that remind you of our Creator God?

- Pray for our environment, the way we treat it, the choices we make, the way we care for it
- Pray for those who are caring for our world



Walk along by the lake and exit through the gates, crossing the road into Lodge Farm Park. Stop next in the area of the play park, outdoor gym and train station

- Pray for families, those within the park, within our church, our own families, those who find family life

difficult

- Pray for all those who normally commute to work, as well as those who continue to work from home and the tensions and difficulties that may bring
- Pray for those who live in fear behind their front doors, maybe because of abuse, domestic violence, addiction and loneliness



Continue along the lower path and just opposite the bowling green building turn right and exit the park. Continue along the road, turning right onto Junction Road and then left onto Dolphin Approach before walking back to the church car park

- Pray for those who

work in retail and the Council offices

- Pray for those who live in the flats and homes surrounding the church
- Pray for those who are not part of the church but who come into the building to give blood, access help from the foodbank, seek support and advice or who are lost and need to know the love of God

Thank you for being willing to join us in prayer for our town and the needs of our world.

Our week of prayer and fasting drew to a close on Sunday 20 September and we know from various conversations that God has been touching lives. Whether you joined us for the various services, you prayed overnight on Saturday, at the prayer meetings, for the themes outlined each day or on the prayer walk or in the response on the last Sunday, be assured that God has been speaking to us.

One of the prayer stations on the final Sunday afternoon had the opportunity to consecrate ourselves again to God and, as part of our response, we were invited to write our names on a leaf and add it to the cross, to remind ourselves and one another of the new work that God is doing in our lives and the hope that comes from Him.

As was said more than once during the week, the time of prayer and fasting may have come to an end but our journey with God continues day by day. May we know God's continued leading and guiding in the days ahead and let us thank Him for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do going forward. Praise the Lord.

Vikki Bunce



Prayer Diary for October 2020

Thurs 8 th	H Heaven is the home for the Christian, not Earth.	SALTER, Mark & Laura; <i>Noah & Lois</i>
Fri 9 th	E Earth is only a temporary home for you.	SAVINE, Alex & Alison; <i>Jonathan & Eleanor</i>
Sat 10 th	A Address any bad habits you have, ask God for help in overcoming them.	SCHILD, Pamela
Sun 11 th	L Light of the World, shine through me.	SCHULTE, Bernd & Cheryl
Mon 12 th	T Thine be the glory, Lord, not self-praising.	SHAKES, Wesley & Florence
Tues 13 th	H Honour those in authority over you, pray for wisdom for them.	SHARP, Brian & Sue
Wed 14 th	Y Yield not to temptation.	SHORTER, Richard & Alison, <i>Caleb, Jessica & Anya</i>
Thurs 15 th	E Enter into God's presence with reverence.	SIMPSON, Mike & Becky; <i>Ellie (Rice) & James</i>
Fri 16 th	A Acknowledge your failings before God.	SITHOLE, Thulisa; & <i>Innocent (Chumunhu)</i>
Sat 17 th	T The 10 th commandment, 'Thou shall not covet', get rid of any envy or jealousy.	SMITH, Joyce
Sun 18 th	I Include the Royal Family in your prayers.	SMITH, Maureen; & <i>Daniel</i>
Mon 19 th	N N.H.S. need our prayers.	SOSINA, Jessica
Tues 20 th	G God is good all the time.	SOSINA, Samuel
Wed 21 st	J Jesus, be the centre of my life.	SPENCER, Devon
Thurs 22 nd	E Expect great things from God, you will be amazed at what He can do.	SPENCER, Pamela
Fri 23 rd	S Seek the Saviour always.	SPRINGER, John & Angela

Prayer Diary for October 2020

Sat 24 th	U Use every opportunity to praise God.	STANNARD, Andy & Rianna
Sun 25 th	S Someone you know needs your prayers? Pray for them.	STANNARD, Charlotte
Mon 26 th	T Today has been given to you by God, you are not promised tomorrow.	STANNARD, John & Christine
Tues 27 th	H Heard God speaking to you today? Take time to listen.	STANNARD, Matt & Heather
Wed 28 th	E Exercise full faith.	STANNARD, Rachel
Thurs 29 th	B Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew.	STEPHENSON, Nadine, <i>Gabrielle (Bourne)</i>
Fri 30 th	R Reaching out to everyone, no matter who they are, is a command of God.	STEWART, John
Sat 31 st	E Everywhere God is there.	STURT, Donna
Sun 1 st Nov	A Always ask, what would Jesus do?	SWINDALE, Ben & Becki, <i>Hannah</i>
Mon 2 nd	D Do you live to please yourself or to please God?	THOMAS-REID, Carmen
Tues 3 rd	OF Offer up your life to God.	THOMPSON, David & Colleen
Wed 4 th	L Live your life worthy of the name Christian.	TIDBURY, Pat
Thurs 5 th	I Integrity is a requirement of a Christian.	TIMOTHY, Kathy
Fri 6 th	F Fight the good fight of faith.	TIMOTHY, Neil
Sat 7 th	E Eternal life is the prize for those who do.	Church 1v23



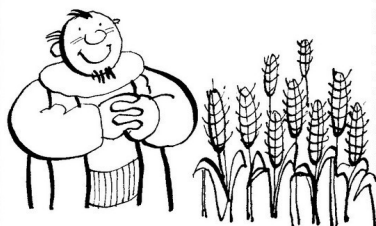
If you have any items for inclusion in the November 2020 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.



The tale of the RICH FOOL



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN
WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH
GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO
KEEP ALL THIS FOOD



I KKNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN
MY BARNs AND BUILD
BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS
OLD BARNs....

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD
NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST
MAN IN THE TOWN!



I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN
EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT,
THE MAN DIED!



WHAT GOOD WERE HIS
RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT
YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS,
IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE
THAT'S IMPORTANT

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 24:44-51, Luke 12:40-46

Jesus warned his disciples to be always ready for his return at the end of time by telling the story of two servants

The good servant



My master could be away a long time; I will work as if he was here.



When the servants came for their food, he had it ready



He made sure everyone got their full amount every day



Then his master came back



I am putting you in charge of everything I have



The bad servant



My master could be away a long time; I can do what I want!



When the servants came for their food, he chased them away!



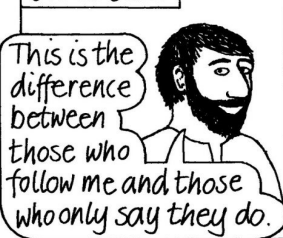
He had friends come round, and they ate and drank as much as they liked.



Then his master came back



Jesus said





Church Bunting

Towards the end of the Summer holidays, the congregation was asked to send in bunting. And in true RBC style, we were not disappointed, we now have knitted ones, paper ones, hand drawn, and computer made ones.

Thanks to all who took part!



How to wear a Mask!



I wear a mask not to protect myself, but to protect you.

How **not** to wear a Mask!



Not the Chin Style!



Not a Reverse Baseball Cap



Not the Shirt Dangler!



Not the Eye Mask!



Not a Left Ear Ring!



Not the Pirate!



Not a Right Ear Ring!



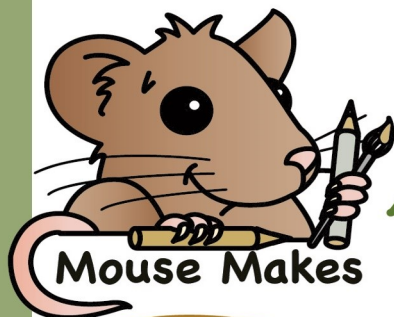
Not under the Nose!



Not A Nose Band!

Not a Glasses Dangler!





Jesus said:
 "The kingdom of heaven
 is like a _____ **seed**
 that a man took and sowed in
 his **field**. It is the _____
 of all the seeds, but when it
 has grown it becomes a tree,
 so that the wild _____ come
 and nest in its branches."

Read
 Matthew
 13:31-32

"GOD is the **one**
 who gives seed to those
 who **plant**, and He gives
bread for **food**. And GOD
 will give you spiritual seed
 and make that seed grow.
 He will **produce** a great
harvest from your goodness."

2 Corinthians 9:10

Jesus said:
 "You do not need more **faith**. There
 is no 'more' or 'less'
 in faith. If you have
 a bare kernel of faith,
 say the size of a poppy
 seed, you could
 say to this
 sycamore
 tree
 "Go
 jump
 into
 the
 lake"
 and it
 would do it."
 Luke 17:6

So the one who
 plants is not important,
 and the one who **waters** is not
 important. Only **GOD** is
 important because He is the
 one who makes things grow."

1 Corinthians 3:7

Look out for seeds
 in the
 park
 and
 garden
 and in your kitchen
 store cupboard.

How many
 different seeds
 can you
 find?

H A R V E S T W O E S
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Current Church Activities **(during lockdown)**



Monday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

Tuesday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

8:00pm Prayer meeting via Zoom

8:15pm "Journey" 18-30's Life Group via Skype

Wednesday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

10:00 am The virtual Meeting Place Chat via Zoom

6:30pm Youth Quiz Night via Zoom

7:30pm Wednesdays @ RBC via Zoom

Thursday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

8:00pm RBC Music Team via Zoom

Friday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

Sunday

10.30am Online Morning Service

12:30pm Youth Stream for years 6 -9 via Zoom

6.00pm Online Evening Service

6:30pm Student Stream for years 10 -13

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have included, please let the editor know.



...I've moved with the times - I've now got
a solar-powered radio microphone...

