

Hi Everyone,

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." (2 Corinthians 1: 3-4)

Instead of a printed bulletin we are going to send a weekly email like this until the coronavirus lockdown is over. We will try to pass on information to those who don't get this email but you can help with this - take the opportunity to call people from church who you think will not have received this email. Chat to them about the news in the email ... if they know already then you at least have something to talk about! Let's keep chatting to one another and encouraging one another.

- **Karen's Dad** - sadly Karen's father, George Sanders, died at 11.30pm last night. Please pray for Karen, her mother and her sister as they grieve. Karen asks that you do not post comments on FB about this yet - since her mother follows the RLBC FB page. However, I'm sure Karen would appreciate private messages of comfort to her personally. In particular pray for wisdom that Karen might know the best way to support her Mum at this time - the coronavirus makes seeing her Mum and funeral details really complicated at a time when she could really do without the extra hassle. Karen has been great at passing on God's comfort to others in similar situations, let's comfort her with the comfort we have received. We thank God that George Sanders was given much longer than the Doctors had predicted but it is still heart-breaking to lose your Father.
- **Communion** - the service on Sunday will include a virtual communion. Therefore it would help if you got some bread and wine/juice and had it ready before the livestream starts at 11am. Then you'll be ready to celebrate communion at the right time in the service.
- **Clocks go forward (1 hr) on Sunday morning** - don't join the livestream service at 12pm by mistake! (Although if you did you could then go the RLBC website and watch it later once it has been uploaded.)
- **Church Office** - although the office is closed to people coming in you can still 'phone in. If you need help then call **0208 868 6772**. Please pass this news on to those who are not on email.
- **Livestream** - we are still trying to get to grips with this technology. You can now watch the daily devotions and the Sunday service on the RLBC webpage as well as on FB. The main advice if it is not working on your computer is...
1. Refresh the webpage. 2. Click 'unmute' - normally on the bottom right of your screen. **See you at 11am on Sunday!**
- **Audio CDs** - we are looking to start recording the sermon audio on CDs from next week. We will then deliver the CDs to people who are unable to watch the livestream on their computers. If you know someone who does not have a computer then please contact the church office with their details. We are very conscious that people who are not online will feel especially isolated so we want to find ways to support them.
- **Share stories and prayer requests** - use FB, or email, or call the church office. We will try to use them in services and in the daily devotions.

Yours in Christ, John.