
This Sunday we launch the theme for Holiday Bible Club this year.

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3: 18)

Please pray that the Spirit of the risen Christ will **transform** us (children who attend and those involved alike) to make us increasingly like Jesus.

Yours in Christ, John.

Transformed 2 Corinthians 3v12-18

Communion Service

As part of the livestream service on Sunday (11am) we will be celebrating communion together. Therefore, please **get some bread and grape juice ready before the service starts** so that you will be ready when the time comes.

**** Sunday Services from July 4th ****

You will all have heard that the government has allowed churches to open from July 4th. We are still waiting for the details before deciding how to proceed. From what we know already RLBC will **not** be able to start having services again on July 5th and it is unlikely that we will be able to start in July. The Deacons will be discussing this at our LTM on July 6th and will feedback at the AGM (via zoom) on Sunday July 12th, 3pm. Please assume, until we announce otherwise, that we are continuing with live-streaming our services at 11am on Sundays.

#BlackLivesMatter - Sunday July 5th, 11am livestream

Next week our service will be aimed at visitors in particular. This is an important global issue and we want to think about how the gospel speaks into it. Therefore please invite your friends and colleagues to watch our online service as we think about this together. As usual the service will be live on the RLBC FaceBook page and on our website - www.rlbc.org.uk

RLBC Racism Survey - what do you think about racism?

In order to help Paul Webb plan the *Black Lives Matter* service he has constructed an online survey. He is genuinely interested in your views and will use feedback in the service.

Please click on this link to complete the survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LY6GG32>

Online this week:

12pm Monday to Sat Facebook Live – uploaded on the website each evening.

11am Sunday live on Facebook and RLBC Website

The 11am service is replayed on Facebook at 6.30pm on Sunday. This can be accessed even if you don't have a Facebook account by going to <https://www.facebook.com/raynerslanebaptistchurch> It will encourage you to open a Facebook account but you can still enter by clicking 'Not now.'

Support: Please call the Church Office on 020 8868 6772 Mon & Tue 9am to 1pm, Wed-Fri 9am to 3pm

COVID-19 Support & Information: www.rlbc.org.uk/coronavirus

AGM/CMM - July 12th, 3pm on Zoom

Since we had to cancel the AGM in March it is important that we have a CMM/AGM (Church Members' Meeting) in order to discuss coming back to church and to elect / re-elect our trustees as we must do each year. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, it is very unlikely that we will all be able to meet in person for a CMM in 2020. We cannot wait that long to have a CMM and so the LT has decided to hold a CMM on the video conferencing platform 'Zoom'. We realise that this is not ideal since those who are not able to use zoom will therefore not be able to attend the meeting. While the LT regrets this there is no reasonable alternative at the moment and so the LT has decided that this is better than having no meeting at all. In these difficult times we see this as an opportunity to trust in God's sovereignty as we seek His will. Papers will be sent out well in advance (and printed off and delivered to those not on email) and Deacons will contact those not able to attend the meeting so that their input can be heard. Other Baptist Churches (e.g. Ruislip Baptist) have had CMMs via Zoom recently and report that everything went smoothly. More details will follow later, at this stage we want to give Church Members as much notice as possible ... **Sunday July 12th, 3pm** - put it in the diary!

RAYNERS LANE BAPTIST CHURCH ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DEACONS (Trustees)

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting which was cancelled on 29th March 2020 will now be held on Sunday 12th July 2020 at 3pm via Teleconferencing (zoom) due to current restrictions imposed by the Government on Places of Worship due to COVID-19.

The following Deacons are due to retire by rotation: Rosemary Cox, Pat Enderby, Jermaine Francis and Louise Ogundere. (Louise was not originally on rotation this year but has kindly offered to add her name to the list so that we can have 4 positions this year. (The ideal is that we have 3 lots of 4 deacons so that every year that are 4 positions up for election.) **Rosemary, Pat, Jermaine and Louise are all willing to stand again.** The Officers (Secretary and Treasurer) are also required to seek re-election every three years but Victor and Celia have maintained the RLBC tradition of standing annually. Victor Devendrarajah is retiring as Secretary. Jermaine Francis (currently Deacon responsible for CAP & Foodbank) has indicated that he is willing to serve as Secretary, if elected. Celia has indicated her willingness to stand as Treasurer again. Therefore nominations are required for four deacons, a Secretary and Treasurer. **Three deacons have already been nominated. Jermaine has been nominated for Secretary and if elected as Secretary there will be a vacancy for one Deacon responsible for CAP & Foodbank.**

Any nomination requires both the consent of the nominee and the formal support of two church members - therefore, when contacting Victor with a nomination, all three names (nominee plus two supporting church members) require their explicit consent. If you want to Nominate, please obtain the consent of the nominee and email Victor Devendrarajah (victor.devendra@virginmedia.com) by midnight on 27th June 2020 with the full name of the nominee, and both of the full names of the church members. If anyone is considering standing, information on the duties should be obtained from Victor or our Pastor, John Smuts, who will also be delighted to email or speak to the nominee.

By Order of the Trustees, Victor Devendrarajah, Church Secretary 12th June 2020

Holiday Bible Club 2020

This year we're running HBC online – with the theme of 'Transformed' looking at the life of Peter. It's going to be a very different way of working but we will still need plenty of willing and flexible help. There are probably still roles for all – regardless of your current circumstances, and we will be developing HBC in accordance with the gifts available to us. Initial thoughts include:

- Dedicated prayer team
- Delivering invites to local roads
- Various admin tasks that could be done at home
- Recording and editing video files
- Running Zoom calls
- Writing new risk assessments and online safeguarding policy
- Delivering activity packs to those who sign up

Please contact Karen on children@rlbc.org.uk ASAP if you're interested in finding out more!

Publicity has now arrived and needs to be delivered to roads around RLBC! Please consider volunteering – it could be a socially distanced catch up with a friend if you do one side of the road each?! Please pop into the church during normal office hours (Mon & Tues: 9am-1pm and Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9am-3pm) and pick up a road from the table in the foyer.

Volunteers

Please contact Karen via email (children@rlbc.org.uk) if you can volunteer in any way – which includes being part of a team to receive specific prayer information as the club draws nearer. We still need your support even though it will run in a different way to normal so do get in touch to discuss possibilities!

Home Groups

The following Homegroups are now having virtual meetings. It may be possible for you to join one of these groups by contacting the host of the relevant meeting.

Day	Time	Host	Platform
Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Cherry Goh	WebEx
Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Chrissi Nowell	ZOOM

Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Roger Hawke	ZOOM
Wednesday	8.00 p.m.	Bernice Phillips	ZOOM
Thursday	8.10 p.m.	Kathy Taylor	ZOOM
Friday	8.00 p.m.	Tamil Fellowship	ZOOM
Friday	8.00 p.m.	Cynthia Tsun	WebEx

CAP Plant Sale

Thanks all for your generosity in supporting the CAP plant sale. **£180 has been raised.** I hope all your plants are thriving!

Special thanks to the gardeners who lovingly supplied plants - Grace Stoute, Hazel Paterson, Frances Hardwick and Magdi Himer.

Harrow Foodbank

Temporary Distribution Centre at RLBC

This week - 2 vouchers were redeemed, with a total of 10 people provided for. The low turnout may have been due to the Harrow Foodbank phone line not working. A lot of people call before attending the distribution centre, because of the virus, to confirm we are open. Harrow Foodbank's phone line has finally been fixed and is now working! **The distribution hours will be every Monday 1pm - 3pm.**