

Hi Everyone,

Stay sane! This Sunday we return to our series Faith@Work as we think practically about the attitudes Christians should have in the work place.

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free."

(Ephesians 6: 7-8).

For those of us who have bosses - let us pray that we may work hard for them as if we were working for Jesus and not them. And for those of us who serve others through voluntary or non-paid work may we too work whole-heartedly as if we were serving Jesus and not just those in our care.

Yours in Christ, John.

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Sunday 7th June 2020

Livestream Service @ 11am

Faith@Work: 4) What really matters to you?

Ephesians 6 v 5-9

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.'

Congratulations to Esther and Shahin on the birth of their son, Milo, born on Thursday 21st May. A grandson to Magdi Himer and her husband; a nephew to Vicky.

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

RLBC Prayer Meeting on Zoom (Thursday, June 11th, 8.00pm - 9pm)

Everyone is invited to our fortnightly Church prayer meeting next Thursday. Now that clapping the NHS has stopped we will start at 8pm. For security reasons please make sure that you have given your device your personal name when you log in to Zoom - the host will be told to only admit people they recognise to the meeting ... which is hard to do if all they see is 'iPad' or 'laptop'!

Please contact the office for the link to join the meeting.

Zoom meetings

As we start to use Zoom more at RLBC it is important that we know who you are when you join meeting (for security purposes). Therefore when you join the meeting, please ensure that you enter your display name as the name that you are known by at church, so that we can easily identify you in the waiting room and allow you access. If you have used Zoom before you should

be able to check/change this before you join by clicking on the App or Desktop Icon and going into Join a Meeting or Settings.

Mission Support Fund

RLBC is fortunate to have a Mission Support Fund which was set up using the legacy from the late Iris Webb. From this fund we make gifts to support organisations and individuals who are working in Christian mission in the UK and overseas.

The committee will be meeting in June and you are invited to suggest organisations or individuals who would benefit from a gift from this fund. The coronavirus pandemic has affected many charities as income has fallen in recent months and often their services have increased demands on them.

Please send suggestions to Celia Clark or telephone the church office. Please send full details of the organisation or individual. If the gift is to support a particular project, please send information on the project too.

The deadline for submitting suggestions is Friday 12th June.

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! The Church Prayer Meeting on Thursday 25th June will be dedicated to sharing more of our plans and praying for this outreach in our community so please put the date in your diary now!

How can you support CAP

Charity shops may be closed for the time being, but there's still a way to donate your old items and support your favourite charities. CAP has teamed up with Thrift+ to help you do just that! Thrift+ is an online store where you can buy and donate great quality second hand clothes. And you get to choose which cause to support when you make a donation.

It's very straightforward. Just head over to Thrift+ and click the big orange donate button. You'll be asked to choose a charity to support (Christians Against Poverty, of course!). While self-isolation measures are in place, they've introduced a doorstep collection service, <https://thrift.plus/>

CAP Plant Sale - FINAL WEEK

This is the last week to stretch your green fingers. Donations to CAP are welcome.

Available for this final week ...

Lovingly supplied by Grace Stoute.

Aquilegia

Lovingly supplied by Frances Hardwick
Mint 1 available
Chives 1 available
Dianthus pink (plenty of)

Lovingly supplied by Magdi Himer
Sansevieria (mature mother-in-law's tongue) 4 available

Harrow Foodbank

NEW Temporary Distribution Centre at RLBC

We had a nice 'soft start' to the opening of the distribution centre. 5 vouchers were redeemed by families, with a total of 25 people provided for. The opening hours have been adjusted.

The distribution hours will be every Monday 1pm - 3pm.

Volunteers are needed to support this project. If you have a valid RLBC DBS check and NOT in the 'COVID-19 At Risk' group, please contact Debie Stoute - debiestoute@capuk.org / 07403 982778.

Harrow Foodbank June Shopping List

Sugar 500g and 1 kg
Tomato ketchup
Packet mash potato
Tinned Irish stew
Tinned/packet sponge puddings
Men's deodorant
Men's shaving foam
Small washing powder
Shampoo

The Impact and Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic

Some of you are overloaded with information and don't want to read anything more. That is fine. However, we realise that some RLBC folk are stuck at home and have time on their hands to think more about the impact of Covid-19 on the church. For those interested here are two free resources that you may find stimulating. They both have different contexts - Operation World is primarily concerned with global mission and CPAS has the Anglican church in its sights - and therefore we may not agree with everything and think things are slightly different in our situation. Nevertheless they are both very helpful.

1. Jason Mandryk, one of the authors of Operation World, published a short eBook a couple of weeks ago entitled *Global Transmission, Global Mission: The Impact and Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic*. Mandryk explores the possible ramifications of the pandemic for church and mission. It is a sobering and thought-provoking read. At a time when many of us are understanding that this current crisis is not just something to get-over but a transition into a new era, it is a welcome contribution. He suggests that, "There is no return to normal because whatever we had before was not normal. There are parts of our old ways that we shouldn't want to go back to! There are also real opportunities to use the current upheaval to bring about positive change to our lives, our communities, and our societies.

"You can download a copy of the book at

<http://covid-19.operationworld.org/global-transmission-global-mission/>

2. The Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) have also made suggestions about what churches might look like as lockdown is eased: <https://www.cpas.org.uk/download/3613/everybody-welcome-to-the-future>