

On Sunday we continue in Ephesians as Ian McNulty preaches on the second half of chapter 1. Why not read verses 15-23 of chapter 1 in preparation for Sunday?

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." (Ephesians 1: 17)

Please pray for Ian as he preaches. As a result of Sunday may we all know the Lord better - not just information about Him but may we grow in our experience of Him by His Holy Spirit. Then pray for the SCMM on Sunday - that as we get to know the Lord better so will follow His lead.

Yours in Christ, John.

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'Power Filled Prayer' **Ephesians 1 v 15 - 23**

Online this week:

Next week FB live will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at **12pm** as usual.

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.'

Please pray for -

- Peter Smuts (John's Dad) who is in hospital with double pneumonia. The doctors are not sure whether his heart is strong enough to withstand the treatment. Please pray for John's Dad and for his Mum as she fears the worst.
- Chris Coote's family. Chris passed away peacefully on Saturday.
- for those from RLBC who are leaving school and continuing further studying.

Sunday Services at Church

From next Sunday (Sept. 20th) the way places at church are allocated will change. On Monday Rebecca will send out an automated ChurchSuite email invite to everyone on the weekly email list. This will include a link which offers you the opportunity to book tickets online for you and others in your household. This will ask you if you want to accept or decline a ticket for the Sunday service at church, in person, at 11am. However, it will only be possible to book a place from 8pm on Tuesday. This is because on Monday and Tuesday (each week) Rebecca will call all those not online and offer them first refusal on a place for Sunday; and then she will book all those who say 'yes' into the system. Next, at 8pm every Tuesday the remaining places will go live and anyone who has received the invite email will be able to book a seat at the service, on a first come first served basis until all tickets have gone. The tickets are free. Bookings will then close at 12pm on a Friday so that the Church Office can print off a final list of those attending on Sunday ready for the Stewards on Sunday. Under current restrictions places will be at a premium so please do not book a place unless you are reasonably confident that you will be able to attend. We want to discourage swapping places since the point of the system is that it will automatically provide a list of attendees for track and trace in the (hopefully unlikely) event of a covid-19 outbreak. There are bound to be a few teething issues with this new system so please be patient as we all get used to it. NB: These tickets are for coming to the service in person only, you won't need a ticket simply to continue watching the service online.

So, if you receive this email, you will have between 8pm Tuesday - 12pm Friday each week to try to book a place, until all tickets have gone. If you know of anyone who is on email but is not yet on our

database, please explain to them that this will be the only way to come to church for Sunday services for the foreseeable future. They need to contact the Church Office and make sure that they are on the weekly email distribution list.

SCMM - Sunday Sept. 13th, 3pm on Zoom

By now all members should have received the zoom link and all the papers for the meeting. Any queries, please contact the Office - churchoffice@rlbc.org.uk

RLBC Prayer Meeting on Zoom (Thursday, September 17th, 8.00pm - 9pm)

Everyone is invited to join a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Please contact the office for the Zoom link

Harvest Offering – 20th September

On the 20th September we will be holding our Harvest service.

Harrow Foodbank

To support our local community we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Harrow Foodbank. If you would like to support Harrow Foodbank please bring your food items to the church during office hours or on Sunday 20th September, if you have an invitation to the service. A list of food items needed by Harrow Foodbank is given below.

September Shopping List

- Tinned carrots
- Tinned ravioli
- Tinned chicken meals
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Tinned spaghetti bolognese
- Packet mashed potato
- Savoury spreads (meat/fish)
- Packet puddings (steamed/microwave type)
- Toothbrushes (adult and children)
- Male and female toiletries

Global Care in partnership with Heart for Lebanon

We will also be supporting Heart for Lebanon through the partnership they have with Global Care. In response to the blast in Beirut in August, Global Care have partnered with Heart for Lebanon to support the people of Beirut. The support being focussed on at this current time is the provision of food and non-food supplies for 110 families who lost homes and / or livelihoods in the recent explosion in Beirut.

If you would like to make a donation this can be done by online banking, CAF Donate or by cheque.

Giving by bank transfer

Gifts may be made directly to the church bank account:

Account name: Rayners Lane Baptist Church,

Sort code: 40 52 40,

Account number: 00022474

So that we can allocate your gift to Global Care/Heart for Lebanon, please type Harvest in the payee reference.

If you have completed a gift aid declaration we will claim gift aid on your donation.

CAF Donate

You may also give through CAF Donate <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/14131>

A small charge is made to the church for gifts given in this way, and if you are a UK taxpayer you can gift aid your donation.

Giving by cheque

If you would like to make a gift by cheque please make your cheque payable to Rayners Lane Baptist Church and place your cheque in an envelope marked 'Harvest appeal'. Your cheque may be given in at church during office hours or on Sunday 20th September, if you have an invitation to the service. If you have completed a gift aid declaration we will claim gift aid on your donation.

We thank you for your generosity and for your support this harvest.

Re-opening the Church Building

Now that the Deacons have agreed a formal Risk Assessment it is now possible to begin, gradually, using our buildings again. However, it is essential that any leader of an organisation gets their own compliance document signed off by the deacons **before** contacting the Office to book rooms. Please contact the Church Office (churchoffice@rlbc.org.uk) if you would like a copy of the RLBC Risk Assessment. We will need a lot of patience and flexibility when we start using rooms at church again. All bookings will need to be temporary (probably reviewed every two months) in order to allow for changes to the government's guidelines and also to enable church organisations starting up again at different times - e.g. we don't want a ministry that works with those at risk to discover that all the rooms are already booked when they eventually start up again.

Re:generation Prayer Meeting

The next prayer meeting for Re:generation (Harrow Churches Schools work Trust) will be held on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.45pm. Please email info@regenharrow.org.uk for the Zoom Link. The landscape for schoolwork is currently very different so please do join this evening to encourage our local workers and to pray for wisdom in taking up opportunities that are there.

Church Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday 9am-1pm and Thursday & Friday 9am-3pm.

If you need any help, please call the office during those hours on 0208 868 6772.

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