

This Sunday Brian Nelson will be taking us through the second half of Ephesians 3, as we look at verses 14-21.

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3: 16-19)

Please pray for Brian as he prepares to preach. May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith; and may we have power to grasp the boundless love of Christ.

Yours in Christ, John.

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'Impossible Praying' Ephesians 3 v 14 - 21

Communion on Sunday

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday in the month and so the service at 11am will include celebrating communion. We are sorry that we are still not able to serve people inside the church building. For those watching online please get some bread and juice ready before the service starts. However, those who come to church will have a choice: 1. They are welcome to bring their own bread and drink to serve themselves at that part of the service - this can only be for themselves and members of their own household. or ... 2. Just sit quietly and pray as you watch the service leader eat and drink at the front. We realise that is not ideal since it undermines the corporate image central to Communion, and hence we all long for the time when we will be able to celebrate Communion properly again. Thank you for your understanding.

Daylight Saving

British Summer Time ends at 2am this Sunday. This means that clocks go back one hour on Sunday morning - remember to make the change before our 11am service!

2019 Annual Report and Accounts

The independent examination of the 2019 accounts has been completed and the accounts have been signed. If you would like a copy of the annual report and accounts please contact me celia.clark@btinternet.com 01895 635637.

Making a gift to the Thank Offering: If you would like to make a donation to the Thank Offering, this can be done by online banking, CAF Donate or by cheque. Please make your donation by 31st October.

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, please type Thank Offering in the payee reference. If you have completed a gift aid declaration we will claim gift aid on applicable donations.

CAF Donate: You may also give through CAF Donate <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/14316>

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 'Thank Offering'. Your cheque may be given in at church during office hours or on any Sunday in October, if you have an invitation to the service. If you have completed a gift aid declaration we will claim gift aid on applicable donations.

Allocation of Thank Offering gifts: If you make your gift by bank transfer or CAF Donate, please email our Treasurer at celia.clark@btinternet.com, indicating how you would wish your gift to be distributed.

If you make your gift by cheque, please write on the Thank Offering envelope how you would wish you gift to be distributed.

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

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Notice is hereby given that there will be a Church Members' Meeting on Sunday November 22nd, at 3pm on Zoom. Since there is currently a vacancy on the Diaconate we would like to try to fill that vacancy before the AGM in March next year. Alcus Dunn has said that he is willing to take on the role of responsibility for CAP + Foodbank - the role Jermaine used to have before becoming Church Secretary. This means that we are looking for a Deacon to be responsible for the Music ministry.

Therefore nominations are required for one Deacon (to fill the current vacancy) - nominations which will then be brought to the CMM on Nov. 22nd.

Any nomination requires both the consent of the nominee and the formal support of two church members. If you want to nominate, please obtain the consent of the nominee and return the nomination form to Jermaine Francis (secretaryrlbc@gmail.com) by midnight on 31st October 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 becoming a Deacon should be obtained from Jermaine or our Pastor, John Smuts, who will also be delighted to email or speak to the nominee.

By Order of the Trustees,
Jermaine Francis, Church Secretary
16th October 2020

Light Party – Saturday 31st October

We hope to run a Light Party in some form on Saturday 31st October. To help us discern the best way of running this, please contact Karen asap if you are able to help in any of the following ways:

- Assembling activity bags during the day a couple of weeks beforehand
- Delivering activity bags to homes
- Going to local shops to put up invitation posters
- Helping with editing video files

This Week: October 26th – November 1st

Mon, 26th	11.00am	Toddlers FB Live
Tues, 27th	12.00pm	Church@12 fb live
	2.00pm	Lighthouse
Thurs, 29th	12.00pm	Church@12 fb live
	7.30pm	Youth Groups – School Years 7-13 @ RLBC

	8.00pm	Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
Fri, 30th	8.00pm	Tamil Fellowship Zoom Meeting
Sat, 31st	1.00pm	Light Party

Pilates Gold

We are delighted that the Chair-based Exercise classes have resumed very successfully on Zoom on Tuesdays at 11.00 am - £4.00 a session. This is an hour of low impact activity to help with functional Fitness. These are very enjoyable sessions run by Wendy our lovely qualified instructor. If you are interested, please contact Wendy on 07510614330 for further details.

Harrow Foodbank: October Shopping List

- Tinned mackerel / tinned sardines / tinned salmon / tinned pilchards
- Small packets of sugar
- 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

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

Baby food; Pasta; Tinned tuna and Cereal

Help for Harrow Residents

Lots of advice on help to get food, financial help, health, learning, wellbeing, jobs and volunteering, can be found at <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/support-residents>.

If you or your family are asked to self-isolate and you need financial additional support, apply here <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/testandtrace>

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/
churchoffice@rlbc.org.uk.

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