

After the introduction last week, this Sunday we start Mark's gospel properly, at the beginning! Our Bible passage will be Mark 1: 1-13 - encounter Jesus more fully by reading it carefully in advance. *"The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God..."* (Mark 1: 1)

Please pray that together (believer and non-believer alike) we will encounter the person of Jesus through the pages of Mark's gospel. In particular, ask God to help us understand what it means to call Jesus the 'son of God'.

Sunday services will continue to be online only (through our website and FB) until further notice. Please pray for the LT as they meet (via Zoom) on Monday to discuss the lockdown and other important matters.

Yours in Christ, John.

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Sunday Service Resource sheet

After the 11am service finishes on Sunday there will be a 30 minute zoom call for anyone who wants to chat. There is no agenda. After some time all together, people will be automatically put into small groups so that they can simply chat, catch up ... or get to know people at RLBC.

Please pray for –

Eileen & John Hall - Eileen has tested positive but has to continue her dialysis.

Marguerite Crouch who has tested positive and is very unwell.

Joan Watson would like to thank you all for your get-well messages and prayers. She is feeling much better now.

Thank you for your gifts given to the Christmas offering. We have collected £1,880.80 and have sent the donations received to FirmFoundation and Embrace the Middle East. We thank you for your generosity.

Christianity Explored Course

Christianity Explored gives people time and space to think about the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith, Jesus Christ. Over 7 sessions, involving an excellent DVD series, guests explore the identity, mission and call of Jesus – who he is, why he came and what it means to follow him. All are given the opportunity to ask questions or just to listen.

This course will run online via Zoom at 8pm on Tuesday evenings starting on Tuesday 12th January 2021. Please sign up using the following link and we will be in touch nearer the time with login details.

<https://raynerslanebaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/events/pab73rsn>

Church Members Meeting - Sunday, January 24th, 3pm on Zoom

Our next CMM is coming up and will have to be on Zoom again. Key item is the proposal to extend Debbie's contract as CAP Debt Centre manager.

Agenda and papers will be sent out nearer the time.

Home Group Launch - Mark (Thursday, Jan. 14th on Zoom)

This term we will be studying Mark's gospel on Sundays and also in our Home Groups in which we will be looking into the "Million-dollar question", which Jesus posed to his disciples "Who do you say I am?".

We will be looking at various encounters in the gospel of Mark and studying the various responses. If you missed last Sunday's sermon introducing this topic, please try to listen to it on the internet.

As usual the HG series will begin with a launch where we overview the letter and equip you to study it. The launch meeting will happen on zoom at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday January 14, then the groups themselves will begin on week commencing January 25. These sessions are a great introduction to help you get the most out of Sundays and from your Home Group studies.

The Questions will be sent to all group leaders and can also be found on the weekly newsletter. If you would like to join any of the groups, please contact the hosts below to get the link. If you cannot join a virtual group, perhaps you can still continue to study at home. May you find real blessing and encouragement as you read and study God's word.

Day	Time	Host	Platform
Tuesday	8.00 p.m.	Chrissi Nowell	ZOOM
Wednesday	8.00 p.m.	Roger Hawke	ZOOM
Thursday	8.00 p.m.	Kathy Taylor	ZOOM
Friday	8.00 p.m.	Tamil Fellowship	ZOOM
Friday	8.00 p.m.	David & Hilary Williams	ZOOM
Friday	8.00 p.m.	Ian McNulty	ZOOM

If you have queries please contact the Church Office, John or Ian McNulty

Mission Focus

Alex & Ellie Hawke, Matthew & Rachel McNulty and Janie Robson

If you would like to have a copy of their latest newsletters, please contact the Church Office.

Weekly and Monthly Offering envelopes 2021

Usually at this time of year offering envelopes would have been prepared for those who regularly use them. However, as many regular givers have changed the way in which they are giving their offerings this has not been done in order to avoid wasting the envelope packs. Please therefore let me know if you still require envelopes for next year and if you want weekly or monthly packs. I will then prepare these and make sure that you receive them to use in the coming year. My Email address and home telephone number can be found in Church Suite. Many thanks for your continued financial support of the work at RLBC and I look forward to hearing from you.

Peter Davis

This week: January 11th – 17th

Mon, 11 th	11.00am 8.00pm	Toddlers FB Live Leadership Team Meeting
Tues, 12 th	8.00pm	Christianity Explored Online Course
Thurs. 14 th	7.30pm 8.00pm	Youth Group Online Meeting Home Group Launch
Fri, 15 th	8.00pm	Tamil Fellowship (Zoom)
Sat, 16 th	10.30am	Refresh Café Zoom

Sun, 17th	9.45am 11.00am	Sunday Club online Sunday Worship
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Refresh Cafe is happening on Zoom 10.30-11.30am on Saturday Jan. 16th. Please use the link below and chat to whoever is in the Café when you join. Stay for as long or as little as you like.

For all RLBC Women

You are invited to join Ladies in Faith Together ZOOM event coming up on February 6th when Kate Patterson will talk about living now from heaven's perspective: "Living for Eternity Knowing the God Forever". There will be sung worship and the chance to share within breakout groups. We hope you can join us!

Details: February 6th, 2021, 9 am - 10:30 am Ladies in Faith Together LIFT Free Zoom event. Here is the Free LIFT Eventbrite booking link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lift-ladies-in-faith-together-online-tickets-135516502507>

FoodBank Volunteers Needed

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered in 2020 and Foodbank is now looking for volunteers in 2021.

If you can give 2 hours of your time on a Saturday between 10:00 and 12:00, then please contact the church office or Alcus/Debie.

Rapid COVID-19 Test

Please see below the links for the rapid testing in Harrow and Hillingdon.

Harrow

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/book-covid-test?documentId=13342&categoryId=210288>

Hillingdon

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/community-testing>

Church Office Hours

Mon & Tues – 9.00am-1.00pm

Thurs & Fri – 9.00am-3.00pm

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