

9am service - The sower (please see last page for booking details)

Sunday 10.30am online worship - Spies & an unexpected helper

To join, go to www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live

Evening online worship 6pm - Prayer and Communion www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/live

This week:

If you need any assistance with Zoom, please call Ruth in the office, 9.30am-1pm Mon-Fri.

Tuesday prayer meeting, 8pm, all welcome to join via Zoom, please email office@romfordbaptist.org.uk for the zoom link or Meeting ID and Password.



No **Journey** this week, resumes next week.

The virtual Meeting Place. Wednesday at 10.30am, coffee and chat (bring your own coffee!) – via Zoom, please email office@romfordbaptist.org.uk for the zoom link or Meeting ID and Password.

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Wednesday's @RBC, 7.45pm (join from 7.30pm) - Join us for week 5 of the course about sharing our faith, called Talking Jesus. Join us via Zoom, all are welcome, please email office@romfordbaptist.org.uk for the zoom link or Meeting ID and Password.

The latest Grapevine is on the website - www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/grapevine

Prayer needs:

Please continue to pray for: Julie Delve, Lilian Wingate, Lolete Hanyana, Linda Flack, Maureen Smith, Bree and Ray.

Please pray for Vikki who is at Union Church, Hutton and Shenfield on Sunday morning.

Please pray for David Bunce and family following recent back surgery.

Please can we remember Clarence as he had surgery on Thursday to remove his gall bladder. Please pray for him, Sushie and the family at this time.

Please pray for Jean and David Argent following the passing of her stepmum Margaret as they travel to the funeral. Pray for the wider family too at this sad time.

Please pray for Jill Holman who recovering from hip surgery recently.

Please pray for all who are affected by the Coronavirus especially those who are struggling with physical & mental health issues.

Please pray for those who are waiting to undergo further hospital treatment.

Please pray for Ann Chase and family after Colin (previous member) passed away recently. Please continue to remember Sally, Keith and family, and all who are grieving at this time.

Winter Gardens: Pray for Winter Gardens at this time.



RBC helpline:

The RBC telephone helpline is open from 9.30am-1pm, Mon-Fri. If you have any practical needs, need prayer or just someone to talk to, please call 01708 743382 (option 1) and a staff member will be there to answer.

We have also set up a Facebook group (RBChelp) for people to ask for help or if you can offer help with collecting prescriptions, shopping etc.

Children, youth and students

1. **RBC Kingdom Kids TV:** this will be loaded on to the website for you soon: www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/kktv
2. **RBC Youth Stream**, Sunday, 12.30pm: a live interactive resource for young people, school years 6 – 13. Please email office@romfordbaptist.org.uk for the zoom link or Meeting ID and Password. Sessions will be recorded for Safeguarding Purposes.
3. **RBC Students Stream**, Sunday, 6.30pm: a live interactive resource for young people in school years 10-13 and university. Please email office@romfordbaptist.org.uk for the zoom link or Meeting ID and Password. Sessions will be recorded for Safeguarding Purposes.
4. **Youth Game night**, Wednesday, 6pm: we will be hosting an online interactive game night for young people in school years 6-9. To play, you need a laptop or tablet and <https://buzzin.live> open on your device so you can buzz in! This session will be recorded for Safeguarding Purposes. Please email office@romfordbaptist.org.uk for the zoom link or Meeting ID and Password.
5. **Online Youth Mentoring:** If your young people would like to take part in group or one-to-one mentoring from Hannah Griffiths, Children, Youth & Families Worker, via zoom, email office@romfordbaptist.org.uk with an appropriate email address for them to be contacted. Sessions will be recorded for Safeguarding Purposes.



Foodbank requirements:

sweets chocolate rice pudding (tinned)
shampoo sanitary towels toilet rolls
shower gel toothbrushes toothpaste
Please bring any donations between Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm to the side door, ring the doorbell and leave the donations by the door.



Parkside are looking for a Senior Care Co-ordinator and a bank kitchen assistant, please call 01708 743110 or go to www.parksidehome.co.uk/home/full-part-time-jobs-available/ for more details.

This week's challenge

And now the end is near... Sunday 26 July will be the culmination of the last few months as we show our final challenge. This means that you have until Wednesday 22 July to send in a photo of you and something you have been doing either during lockdown or as the restrictions have been lifting. Let's make a bumper video challenge!

Please send your picture/words in by Wednesday evening (22 July) to either office@romfordbaptist.org.uk or message on WhatsApp to Ian.

Offerings and Tithes

We are grateful to all who have continued to give their offerings and tithes to the church at this time after 17 weeks of not meeting.

There are several ways to give to the church including online at www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/giving

The BACS details for the church account is: Romford Baptist Church. Sort Code No. 83 04 25 Account No. 19354486

You can also post a Cheque to the church or put your offerings aside and bring them in when you come back to church. Thank you.

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy' (1 Peter 1:15-16 - RBC Year Text)

New services at RBC

Please note, you will need to book to attend, details below.

As mentioned in the letter sent out last week, there will now be a 9am service in the building, alongside the 10.30am and 6pm service online. Three other services that we are planning to start are:

1. Creative church. A fortnightly service for families, the first one is on Sunday 26 July at 4pm.
2. Midweek Wednesday service. A short reflective service at 12.45pm for about 30 minutes. The first one will be Wednesday 29 July.
3. Youth service. A fortnightly service for the youth, by the youth. The first one will be Sunday 2 August at 4pm.

If you would like to come to a service, please note the following:

1. Do not come if you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19, including high temperature, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell etc.
2. You need to book in advance, please do not just turn up and once we are at capacity, no one else will be able to come.
3. When you book you will be asked to provide us with your name, address and phone number as these details have to be kept for 21 days. You will also be asked how many seats you require. If you have booked and find you can no longer come, please do cancel so others can take your place.
4. The doors will not be open until 15 minutes before the service in order to reduce the length of time we are in contact with one another. This means that if you arrive early you can remain in your car rather than needing to stand and queue.
5. If you arrive after 5 minutes before the service, your seat may have been reallocated to someone who has noticed we are open for worship and who wishes to join the service.
6. Everyone will need to observe social distancing. There can be no handshaking, hugging, kissing or physical contact at all.
7. Stewards will direct you to a seat (you cannot necessarily sit in your favourite seat, please sit where you have been asked). There is also a one-way system in place in the church building. Please keep to it without exception.
8. The wearing of masks in the building is encouraged and there will be no singing, open prayer or shouted out comments or responses.
9. At the conclusion, there will be no drinks and you will be encouraged to leave the building relatively quickly.
10. There will be no children or youth programmes. Children/young people are under the responsibility of their parents/guardian and should remain with them at all times.
11. There are a number of hand sanitisers around the building including at the entrance and by all the toilets. Please sanitise your hands as you enter the building.
12. Please use the toilets as little as possible. Once you have washed your hands, any door out of the toilets can be opened with a shoulder push or with your foot.
13. There will be fixed boxes for those who wish to bring their offerings and they can be placed in the box before or after the service.

We recognise that this may feel a bit daunting, but we are required to follow this guidance. The reality is that it will feel very familiar to you as this is what many of us have been doing in recent weeks. Yes we are people of faith and believe in the protection of God, but in the words of Jesus when tempted by Satan to jump, responded "we should not put the Lord thy God to the test." Along with faith, God also gave us common sense.

To book a place please email bookings@romfordbaptist.org.uk or telephone 01708 743382 (option 5) **(this email and phone number only please)**. Please state which service and date you are booking in to. The deadline for booking is 1pm Saturday for the Sunday services and for the Wednesday service it will be Tuesday 10pm. If you do not hear from someone before Sunday (or Wednesday) confirming you have a place please try again.