



A parcel for Justin! Now lockdown at home would be more bearable.



Romford Baptist Church

Grapevine

Lockdown Edition 5(+1)



From the Editor

Over the last year, walking has become an immensely popular activity. It is a way of escaping the confines of the four walls as well as getting some permitted exercise. Walking provides time to think and 'clear our heads'. For those blessed to be able to walk with a companion, even if socially distanced, whether walking in silence or sharing our thoughts, worries or joys, walking seems to 'recharge the batteries'. Some people take the opportunity to walk the dog. And many find walking is a good time for prayer and meeting with God.

In recent months RBC has held a Prayer Walk and a Christmas Treasure Trail, and both of these have provided great opportunities for fellowship and fun.

There are many Bible passages that mention walking. They seem to imply relationships, and not just the physical act of putting one foot in front of the other. Even when we're walking alone, we can be walking in HIM, not leaning on our own understanding, but rooted in Jesus.

In Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV), we read: *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

And, Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV) says: *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

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Current Church Activities (during lockdown)



Monday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

Tuesday

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8:00pm Prayer meeting via Zoom

8:15pm "Journey" 18-30's Life Group via Skype

Wednesday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

10:00am The virtual Meeting Place Chat via Zoom

6:30pm Youth Quiz Night via Zoom

7:30pm Wednesdays @ RBC via Zoom

Thursday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

8:00pm RBC Music Team via Zoom

Friday

9:30am - 1pm Food Bank Donations received via Side door

Sunday

10.30am

12:30pm

6.00pm

6:30pm

Online Morning Service

Youth Stream for years 6 -9 via Zoom

Online Evening Service

Student Stream for years 10 -13

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have included, please let the editor know.

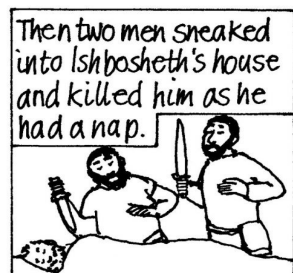
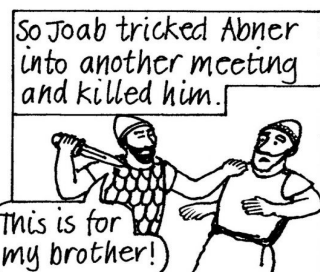
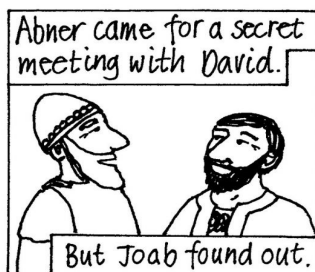
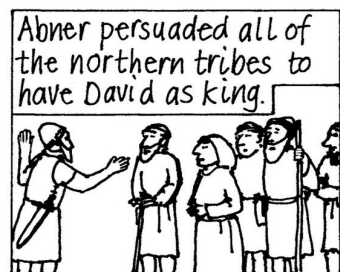
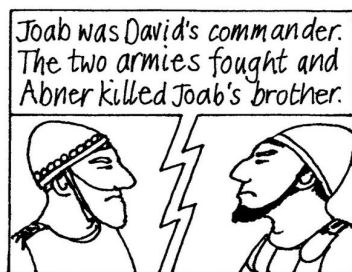
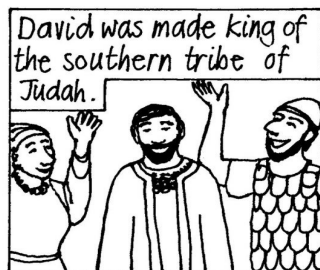
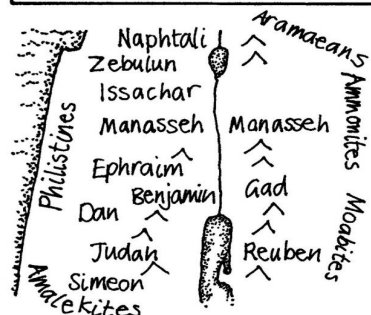
Our purpose is to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all, with the goal that they become His loyal disciples.

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Josh 13:8-20:48
1 Sam 31:1-5, 2 Sam 2:4-24, 3:12, 17-27, 4, 5:1-5

When the Jews reached the place that God had promised them, each tribe was given land to live in. But they were surrounded by enemies.



Pastor's page

As I sit here it's the first week of January, the rain is pattering against my window, the sky is grey, it's chilly and following the Prime Minister's announcement to the nation last night, we are back on lockdown with all the schools closed. Not the start to a New Year we might have hoped for!

Yet it is a New Year and regardless of the situation we might today find ourselves in, we can know and be assured that God is with us, our Emmanuel: He who is always present, completely unchanging, all powerful and all knowing...our Emmanuel! This is where we begin our New Year - in the knowledge that we certainly do have a sure and living Hope.

Our text for 2021 as a Church is taken from Isaiah 55:12-13 and is full of promise and hope:

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD'S renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure for ever.

Joy, Peace, Celebration... the promises of God; where there is hurt, pain, scars, wounds, in their place God will

bring new growth, growth that will bring Him glory, growth that will bring us through to a place where we are once again filled with joy, peace and celebration.

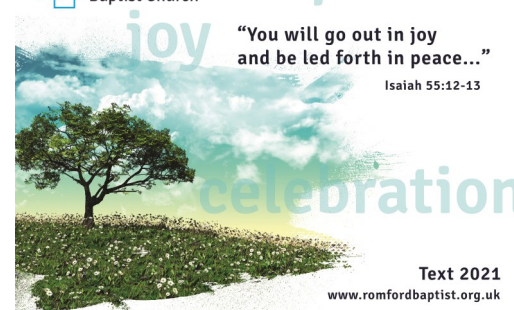
Whatever the view from your walk of life today, might you know that above the clouds, rain and wind, that the sun is still there, it's still shining. In the same way, God is still there, He is still good, He is still full of love and mercy, delighting in you His dearly loved child! May 2021 not be a year filled with doom and gloom, but as we lift our gaze to our Creator, may we be those who reflect His glory, His love to the world, people filled with joy from knowing Him, filled with peace that passes all understanding, celebrating because of the hope we find in Him!

Jan Loveard
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Isaiah 55:12-13

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME



Thank you very much to all those who have given a donation to the BMS Birthday Scheme on their birthday during 2020, raising a total of £1162.50 (including gift aid). Additional gifts have also been sent directly to BMS online.

Your gifts are greatly appreciated, as it helps to support some very worthwhile projects.

For those who are not aware of the Scheme, it is organised by the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) World Mission in order to specifically support their medical/health projects.

By committing to giving a gift on your birthday, of any amount, you will be helping to support health projects in many areas in the world.

An example is the work of Guinebor 11 Mission Hospital in Chad, where your gifts are going towards helping patients and their families to have a future they never thought possible. (BMS Birthday Scheme News Bulletin 2021)

Your gifts have also given support during the Coronavirus Pandemic, from enabling temperature screening in Chad, to providing PPE in Nepal and food parcels in Sri Lanka. (BMS Birth-

day Scheme News Bulletin 2021)

To promote the scheme, it has been the custom to publish birthdays in Grapevine. However, your permission - via the Church Office - is required in order to comply with regulations regarding Data Protection.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the scheme, I will be happy to provide you with further details.

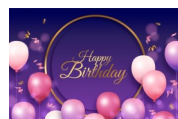
Thank you again on behalf of BMS, and best wishes to you all for 2021.

Christine Brown



Birthdays February 2021

26th Margaret Coles

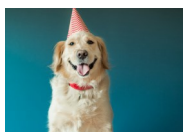


Birthdays March 2021

3rd Glynis Brown

7th Don May

18th Keith Carter



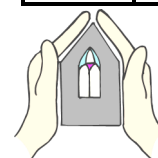
The deadline for the April 2021/May 2021 edition of the Grapevine is Sunday 14th March 2021

Please give any items to Cheryl Schulte, put them in the tray on the Welcome Desk or email them to Cheryl at: grapevine@romfordbaptist.org.uk

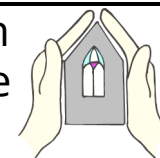


Prayer Diary for February 2021

Fri 26 th	Pray for the London Baptist Association and the churches within it as they seek to serve Christ in the communities they are placed in.	HENSON, Ruth
Sat 27 th	Pray for workplace chaplains who serve God within people's workplaces, be that shops, factories, railways or offices.	HENWOOD, Stephen & Dorothy
Sun 28 th	Pray for chaplains to the sports world, for those who spiritually support footballers, rugby stars and all other athletes, including at the big events such as the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.	HIGGINS, Pauline & Kevin, Lauren & Rachel
Mon 1 st Mar	Pray for those who take the good news of Jesus into the universities of this nation. Also pray for our university students as they seek to be Christians in that environment.	HILLS, Emma, Samuel & Benjamin
Tues 2 nd	Pray for each of us as we seek to make Jesus known wherever we are day to day.	HILLS, Yvonne
Wed 3 rd	Pray for preachers and teachers who unpack the scriptures each week and help people to know and meet with God.	HODINITU, Nicolae & Natalia
Thurs 4 th	Pray for writers and publishers who create literature for people to read about God.	HOGBEN, Cynthia
Fri 5 th	Pray for our prison chaplains who share hope with those behind bars, including running Alpha courses.	HOLMAN, Jill
Sat 6 th	Pray for the work of Gideons, who give scriptures to people to read. For those distributed within Havering schools, care homes, offices and hotels.	HOOPER, Iris
Sun 7 th	Pray for RBC as we look to discovering what God would have His church do now, as the lockdown eases and ministries resume.	Peter and Louise Lynch, Bangladesh



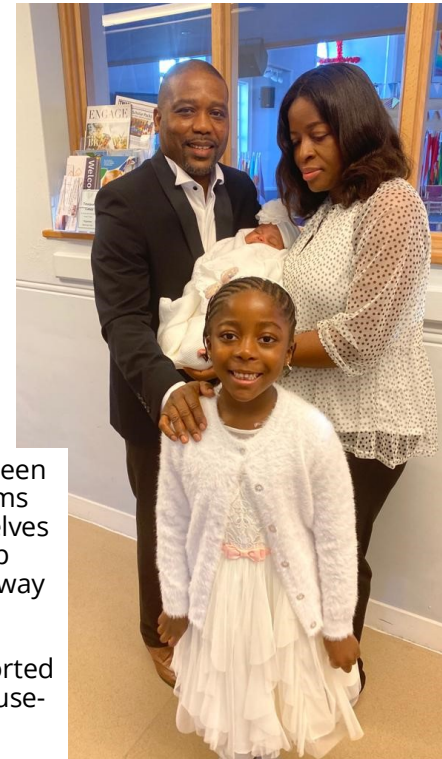
If you have any items for inclusion in the March 2021 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.



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Mon 8 th	Pray for Andy and Rianna Stannard serving God in Moldova with OM (Operation Mobilisation).	EREKU, Derek & Laraine, Josiah, Rekem, Elandre & Dante
Tues 9 th	Pray for Graceworks, working in the schools of Havering.	EWELOYA, Ben & Ona, Timi & Ninu
Wed 10 th	Pray for the Hospital Chaplaincy team on the frontline in Queen's and King George hospitals	FAWUNMI, Jide & Yemi, Ayomide, Ayoolamide, Favour & Fisayo
Thurs 11 th	Pray for the ministry of the Foodbank, providing food and hope for those in need.	FEINSON, Peter & Gill
Fri 12 th	Pray for Teddy and Didi and the church in Sofia.	FLACK, Ken & Linda
Sat 13 th	Pray for the ministry of the Meeting Place as it looks to plan to reopen.	FORD, Janet
Sun 14 th	Pray for Richard and Alison Shorter and the outreach of Church 1v23 on Harold Hill.	GATHERUM, Barbara
Mon 15 th	Pray for our military chaplains who support and care for the troops and those serving in the armed forces.	GEARING, Bert & Rita
Tues 16 th	Pray for the work being done for the formation of a debt counselling centre.	GOSTLING, Geoffrey
Wed 17 th	Pray for our missionaries with BMS World Mission working in East Asia.	GRIFFITHS, Ben & Hannah
Thurs 18 th	Pray for the outreach among the children and young people and Hannah who leads it all.	GRIFFITHS, Margaret
Fri 19 th	Pray for the work of Parkside and all the residents there.	HALL, Ian & Susan
Sat 20 th	Pray for the work of Street Pastors, and particularly for the Rail Pastors, working to save people's lives.	HARDING, John & Sue
Sun 21 st	Pray for Winter Gardens Church as they reach out to the people of Canvey Island.	HARRIS, Clarissa
Mon 22 nd	Pray for the work of Baptist Home Mission, resourcing churches in the tough areas of the nation.	HARRIS, Patricia
Tues 23 rd	Pray for our partner missionaries serving with BMS World Mission in Bangladesh.	HARRISON, John
Wed 24 th	Pray of the ministry among the older generation, reaching out to many who are lonely and seeking hope.	HARVEY, Liz
Thurs 25 th	Pray for the outreach of the church, at this time particularly through its streaming of services, and for the people who are watching it.	HENNIKER, Joyce

27th December 2020 Dedication of Gabriela Otchere-Williams



Edward and Doreen Otchere-Williams dedicate themselves to bringing up Gabriela in the way of the Lord.

They were supported by the wider household bubble.

