



# Weekly Update

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"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ"  
(Philippians 1:27 - RBC Year Text 2025)

## Sunday 16th February 2025

10-10.15am      **Sunday morning prayer**, Oak Room

10.30am          **Morning Service**  
Forgiveness and pointing to God

6pm                **Evening Service**  
Samson

To join online worship, please visit [www.romfordbaptist.org.uk](http://www.romfordbaptist.org.uk)

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## This week



### Monday

12 noon - 2pm **Foodbank**

### Tuesday

10am **Needlecraft**

8pm **Tuesday prayer meeting**, [zoom link](#) or Meeting ID 827 2106 6693 and Passcode 522855

### Wednesday

12.45pm **Prayer**

### Friday

10am-12 **Craft Group** (in The Meeting place)

### Next Sunday

Morning Worship 10.30am

Evening Service 6pm

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## Prayer



- Please pray for those who are unable to come to church, due to health or mobility issues. Thank God for the live streaming of our services.
- Please pray for David and Carla Viljoen. David's mother passed away recently in South Africa. Pray for their peace and the comfort of our Lord at this time.
- Please also pray for the family of Bryan Love who passed away recently. Bryan was the pastor of Harold Hill Baptist Church in the 1970s/80s.
- Please continue to pray for Holly. Although she is still struggling with her mental health things are more stable. The family is grateful for your prayers.
- Kindly continue to pray for Joyce Lewis' son Steve, William Cuthbert, Jacquie Rose, Keith Carter's son Michael, Maureen Smith's daughter Valerie, Ken Flack, Angela's sister Marlene, Alison Savine and her father Charles, Brian Sharp and Florence Shakes.



### **This week, the Foodbank needs are:**

Sugar, Washing-up Liquid, Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Soap, Jam, Rice Pudding, Custard, Nappies 5/6/7, Biscuits, Tin Fruit

### **Donations can be given to RBC Community Care by;**

- putting a marked envelope with cash or a cheque made payable to 'RBC Community Care' in the offering
- by bank transfer CAF Bank Account No 00036848, Sort Code 40-52-40
- via the contactless machine in the foyer

Gift Aid forms and envelopes for RBCCC are available at the Welcome Desk.

## Information/Dates to note

***Cycling to church?*** *The area around the bike racks at the side of the church has been cleared and there are four places for bicycles to be locked. If you would like to cycle to church, these racks are available. If you would like to use one of these places, could you let Peter Feinson know, so that we can track how many people are interested.*

**Film evening in Romford:** An inspiring film about a pioneering black female leader, **“On a bet and a prayer,”** tells the story of Mary Stretch, formerly a BBC TV and Radio presenter, and more recently the founder of the refugee support charity Calais Light. Along the way she has battled cancer.

The film will be shown at St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford RM1 4AT, on **Friday 28 February** as part of an evening running from 6.30 – 9pm. Gather from 6.30, film at 7pm, and then after the film Mary herself will be available for a Q&A. The cost for the evening is £10, but places are limited; please book on the website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheerahnetwork/1481185> – for any questions about the evening please contact the organisers via the website.

**Chase Cross Thursday Fellowship** are inviting anyone who would like to attend their 89th Anniversary Service on **Thursday 13 March** at 1.30pm at Chase Cross Baptist Church. The speaker is Paul Larkin. If you would like to attend, please let Vikki know who will pass on your name.

**Church meeting** will be held on **Sunday 16 March**. Please add the date to your diaries.

**Evening of prayer** is on **Wednesday 19 March**. Kindly come for prayer.

**Marriage Matters** is on **Saturday 14 June**, see separate advert.

**Small groups** - Spring Term dates and sessions below. Please contact Dave to find your nearest one.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>
26 Feb	4
12 March	5
26	6
9 April	7
Summer term	
23 April	8

**Welcoming Stewards needed**- we are kindly looking for two or three volunteers for stewarding on Sundays. They need to be available once a month and enjoy welcoming people. If it is something you can help with kindly speak to Pauline. Thank you.

## Weekly Prayer Email

We are in the next couple of weeks starting a new weekly prayer email. If you would like to receive this, please email the office using [office@romfordbaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@romfordbaptist.org.uk) giving your name and email address. If you prefer you can use the sign-up sheet on Sunday. We will assume that by you signing up you are accepting our privacy policy as outlined on the website.

# March Madness



**(for those aged 65+)**

**Thursday 6 March 2025 10.30-2.30pm**

You know the saying....'*As mad as a march hare*' well, come and join us for a few hours '*of madness*' as we enjoy a hot lunch, singing, craft/games and a chance to chat to one another.

Please let Vikki know by Sunday 2 March if you are coming for catering purposes.

A donation towards the costs would be appreciated

**URGENT** - If anyone is available between 12-2pm on Thursday 6 March to assist with the washing up as part of the Holiday at Home themed day Vikki or Jan Walden would love to hear from you. Thank you.

# Summer Christian Youth Festival



This summer we are hoping to take a group of 16-18-year-olds away to a Christian festival called NewDay in Norfolk. We will be camping, and the trip is self-catered.

We are looking for a volunteer to come with us to lead the catering side of things.

If you are available from *28th* July – *2nd* August and think you could help, please speak with Andy.

# Marriage Matters



A day for all who are married or living in committed relationships. We will be using the *Marriage Session* resources by Care for the Family. This material is specifically created to help couples develop and strengthen their relationships. The aims of the day are to:

- Equip couples at whatever stage of their relationship to communicate well and connect at a deeper level.
- Build couples confidence and knowledge in how to strengthen their marriage
- Encourage couples to collaborate through challenges and conflict.

**Every couple is welcome**



- This is a great opportunity to enjoy a couple of hours together without too many distractions and know your children will be cared for (if you cannot find any one else to.)
- This time together may well prove to be significant in your relationship.
- Every couple is welcome, in fact encouraged to come, no matter how things are going in your relationship. Every marriage has its ups and downs, so if things are tough right now, choosing to attend would be a great decision. If things are going well, attending would help to strengthen and enrich your relationship further.
- This is not a test of your marriage. Rather than something that makes you feel pressurised the day is designed to be encouraging, inspiring and equipping.

### **Some important information.**

- There is no group work involved in the day, although there will be time during the day for couples to discuss the content with each other and any conversation will be private, no one will be asked to speak publicly about their relationships. Try to get there if you can.
- There is NO cost for the day.
- Bring some food, drinks will be provided.

## **Help Needed**

### **CAN YOU HELP with the Marriage sessions on Saturday 14 June?**

To enable couples to invest in their relationships it would be amazing if we could offer some children's activities and support on the day. We would also love few people to act as hosts, making drinks etc. If you can help, please do let us know through the church office or [info@romfordbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@romfordbaptist.org.uk)

# Staff Updates



We are seeking to appoint an **Operations Manager**  
Full time role, 37.5 hours per week between Monday and Friday, salary: £42,000 p.a.

This is an exciting, varied and busy role to lead the day-to-day efficient and effective operation of the administrative, communications, financial, HR, IT and property aspects of Romford Baptist Church Housing Association Limited (which runs Parkside Residential Home) and also Romford Baptist Church. The role holder will also assist the Director of Mission and Ministries in completing key strategic projects as required.

Full details of the role's responsibilities can be found in [this link](#).

If you would like to have an informal discussion regarding this role, please contact Steve Street via email at [steve@parksidehome.co.uk](mailto:steve@parksidehome.co.uk).

All applicants will be required to submit a letter of application, CV and application form.

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It is essential that the individual is a committed and practicing Christian under the terms of the Equality Act 2010. A Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) check is also required for this role, which is also exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Applicants must be prepared to disclose any convictions they may have and any orders which have been made against them.

Parkside Residential Home is run by Romford Baptist Church Housing Association Limited – Friendly Society number IP18621R  
Romford Baptist Church is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation – Registered Charity no. 1172326.

**The closing date for applications is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

## We are also looking for Bank Staff Coffee Shop Assistants.



We are seeking to appoint  
**Bank Staff Coffee Shop Assistants**  
Salary: £11.44 per hour

This is an exciting but busy role to assist the manager in all aspects of running The Meeting Place, our community coffee shop. The role will include being a barista, preparing food, serving at the counter, using the till and keeping The Meeting Place looking at its very best. Previous coffee shop experience is not essential as full training will be given.

The hours are 7.30am to 4pm but these could be adjusted. Most of the work would be available during term time.

For full details, and if you would like to arrange an informal visit, please email Alison Savine (Meeting Place and Outreach Leader) at [asavine@romfordbaptist.org.uk](mailto:asavine@romfordbaptist.org.uk).

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It is an occupational requirement of this role that the applicant is a committed Christian within the Equality Act 2010.

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## Offerings and gifts

We are grateful to all who give their offerings and gifts to the church. There are several ways to give to the church including online at [www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/giving](http://www.romfordbaptist.org.uk/giving), posting a cheque to the church or bringing your offerings with you.

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

If you would like to make a contactless donation, you will be able to do this on the machine in the church. We advise that credit cards are not used for this purpose. Further instructions will be provided at the machine.



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