



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 2nd February 2020

Northolt **P**ark **B**aptist **C**hurch

To Know Christ and Make Christ Known

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This week Hazel Gordon is leading the worship service and Rev. Michael Lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the word.

This week's scripture reading
Daniel 4 (NIV)

Scripture focus verses 4:9-18, 34-37,

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of a Tree

9 I said, "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me. 10 These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. 11 The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. 12 Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed.

13 "In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger,^[c] coming down from heaven. 14 He called in a loud voice: 'Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. 15 But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field.

"Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. 16 Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times^[d] pass by for him.

17 "The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people.'

18 "This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means, for none of the wise men in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation.³⁵ All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" 36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Something ^{for}
EVERYONE!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES HELD AT NPBC

Sunday Morning Service	10.30am
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting	7.30pm
Tuesday Morning Bible Study	10am
Wednesday Fellowship (1st Wed month)	1.45pm
Wednesday Bread for Life (Alternative Weds)	8pm
Thursday Girls Brigade	6pm
Friday Worship Team Music Practice	7.30pm

Refreshments are served after the Sunday service, so please stay for tea or coffee and a chat.

CONTACTS FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday morning Bible Study:	Sue Blake
Wednesday Fellowship:	Hazel Gordon
Wednesday Bread for Life:	Paul Simpson
Thursday Girls Brigade:	Rebekah Rego
Friday Worship Practice:	Janet, Josephine, Jenny
Mission Coordinator:	Jennifer Lovejoy

PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS

Revd. Michael Lovejoy
Josephine Morris
Janet Yau
Yinka Falowo (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Lead - Hazel Gordon
Music - Dennis
Vocals - Josephine
Vocals - Jenny

PREACHING/WORSHIP ROTA

The January - March 2020 preaching and worship rotas is published on the church notice board. See church notices for information on Sunday services and other activities.

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd February

Theme: 'God's Ultimate Sovereignty'

Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: Daniel 4

Sunday 9th February

FAMILY SERVICE

Theme: 'The writing is on the Wall'

Speaker: Dr. Annette Glaw

Scriptures: Daniel 5

Sunday 16th February

COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: 'Daniel in the Den of Lions'

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Scriptures: Daniel 6

Sunday 23rd February

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: 'The Four Beasts Vision'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: Daniel 7

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MINISTRY

Next Sunday, 9th February, Dr. Annette Glaw will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. The text is taken from Daniel 5. Pray for Annette as she prepares the word and we receive with eagerness.

PRAYER MATTERS

Margaret G. has requested church membership. Let's continue praying for Margaret as we receive her into membership and fellowship at NPBC. Wonderful news indeed, something to give thanks and praise to God.

Pray for Tanner and Kristiana. Kristiana has to return to Bulgaria on a personal matter. Pray God will be in her situation and for an encouraging outcome. Pray for their family's safe return to the UK.

Pray for all our baptism candidates. The Alpha course is proving a encouraging support. The challenges Christians face in our schools/colleges/universities is evident. Do also continue praying for Jacob. Especially for his family reunion to happen sooner rather than later.

Do continue praying for those in our number who are unwell, or have not seen for a while. Let's be mindful of the unspoken requests and needs of others. Let's bring them all before the Lord in prayer.

Pray for our various ministry works here at NPBC. The Alpha course, our prayer groups, brigade, foodbank, bible study groups, missions we support... May God continue to bless all our efforts in His service.

LET US PRAY FOR YOU!

Please email your prayer requests to npbc.pray@gmail.com

If you have an urgent and important prayer concern, please contact Pastor Michael Lovejoy.

Telephone 020 8632 9225 (Manse)

Get more information on forthcoming activities at NPBC on the church website www.npbc.uk.com

Something for
MANSE!

SO
EVERYONE

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th February at 10am.

Please speak to Sue for further details

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next meeting will be on 5th February at 1.45pm.

Hazel Gordon will be leading

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BREAD FOR LIFE

Our next Bible study meeting will be on 12th February at 8pm.

Please speak to Paul Simpson for further details

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Alpha at Northolt Park Baptist Church

Saturday 1st February 2020 at 10am - 11.30am

Week 4

Jesus in Mark 3

You are invited to Alpha for a great breakfast (within reason), even better conversation and talks that make you think. If you come along, we won't call you after, write, or ask you to pick up the cheque — the balls are completely in your court. What have you got to lose?

Want to know more speak to our pastor



We have launched a 'Building Fund' to help us pay for the £50,000 church buildings repair bill now that we have engaged the two contractors JBSR to do the concrete repairs and Daniels Roofing for roof repairs to start in the coming Spring. We would value people's prayers for this project. There is a donation box to be kept at the back of the church if people want to give towards this. For any tax payer who wish to Gift Aid their donation so that we can reclaim the tax paid on it and increase the value of the donation with no extra cost to themselves, please could they see Janet to make a Gift Aid Declaration if you have not done so already. Also if the fund raised exceeds the cost of the repairs, any surplus will be used for general purposes, so that the fund will not be restricted.

This Month's

MISSION PRAYER



Update for January 2020 from Christopher & Bela Singh

We hope you had a great Christmas and a wind down to the year 2019. Now we have entered a new decade and this is a reminder of God's goodness and blessings for us as He has allowed us to enter this New Year and decade. We wish you a blessed and joyful year ahead.

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As I write this my heart is full of gratitude to God and to you and making it possible for us to continue serving Him. You have played an important part in the ministry with your prayers and giving, as it would not be possible without your support.

As I wrote in our November update that I was due to go to Tanzania for two reasons, one for teaching the students and the other for a praise celebration for our online training ministry Distancemedia.net. Well a third reason was added when I arrived there in Arusha and I was asked to be the guest of honour at the annual graduation of Habari Malum College students. That was a pleasant surprise as I was asked to present certificates to over 200 students and to give an inspiring speech as they enter a new chapter in their lives. Some of the students have already secured jobs in secular media and are a great witness among mostly non-Christian/Muslim staff and for the audience.

Just after my return from Tanzania, Bela had a key hole surgery for her knee, as this has been troubling her for a number of years and finally the doctors thought that it is a good idea to give the knee a clean-up of the debris collected under the knee cap. It wasn't a knee replacement though. So she was on crutches for a number of weeks and I was her carer during this time. She is now much better but her knee is not 100% and she will see the consultant next week.

We had a good family Christmas, as our daughter Anugrah and Edward with their two children, Solomon 2 year old and Anaia 3 month old came and joined us for an early Christmas celebration. Solomon is doing well with his vocabulary increasing everyday and the good thing is that he responds to our Hindi conversation as well, so we are hoping that he will grow as a bi-lingual child. Anaia was born on 30 Sept. and now is a beautiful 15 week old girl and started smiling when she sees us. It makes us proud to see the next generation of our family. Abhishek is still happy to be single and enjoys travelling to Asia, spending time mostly in Thailand and some in the UK.

I am off to India on 30th January for over two weeks. This is my annual teaching trip to Bethel Bible College to introduce media to Theology students, so they can use social media for Church planting and evangelism. This visit also gives me opportunity to see my aging parents in Delhi. My dad is not doing well at all and has lost all his movement. This has been heavy on my mum and she is also not doing too well, but she has a greater will power than my dad, so she carries on. They need your prayers to keep them going as long as the Lord has given them on this earth.

Rest of my year is now taking shape and a number of trips are lining up for training in the coming months, so here is a rough outline of my travels:

February – March/April – May – June – July – August – September – November –
India Thailand Arusha, Tanzania Possibly Nigeria Possibly China South Sudan Togo
Tanzania

Please pray for His strength and support for these visits

We share our news to encourage you to know that your support is reaching so many

with the Gospel. We are able to do more with your continued and increased support. Each moment you spend in prayer and each penny you send helps us to reach more people. Thanks for standing with us in serving Christ and spreading His kingdom in this world. We remain thankful to God and to you.

Yours in Christ,
Christopher and Bela Singh



[Prayer - The Heart in Pilgrimage](#)

I like George Herbert's expression 'the heart in pilgrimage.' It's from a poem entitled Prayer. Prayer is a personal journey that engages both mind and heart. When in prayer it's wonderful how the casual mind connects with the heart. When hearts are engaged tears are a language that God also understands.

[Prayer Reflections](#)

Reflecting back to my childhood, dreams and prayers were a form of recurrent escapism. Much of which encapsulated worlds of silence. A stillness with anticipation waiting for God to pierce my childhood reality.

Small spaces where an earthly kingdom met a heavenly kingdom was experienced often.

[Waiting on the Lord in Prayer](#)

The Bible is filled with shouts of 'How long O Lord', because prayers are not always immediately consoling. Like many, I do a lot of talking to God who already knows the intent of my heart. Yet, we are encouraged to pray. Words are integral to communication. The spoken word is powerful. God brought creation into existence by His word. But it took an emotional God breathed bond, for humanity to become a living soul.

[The Bible and Prayer are Connected](#)

God wants us to spend time with Him in prayer. How and when to pray is a real challenge. The 'how' to pray is whatever comes natural to you. The 'when' to pray, is really little and often is a good place to start. Make your prayer time realistic. An old Sunday School song tells us: 'Read your Bible and pray everyday day and you'll grow, grow and grow! Neglect your Bible and forget to pray and you'll shrink, shrink and shrink! This truth is profound, yet simple. It also makes good Theology. Prayer becomes natural when practiced. My Father in Law had a stutter, however, his prayer life showed no signs of stuttering because prayer became more natural than everyday conversation to him. If your finding it difficult to pray read the Book of Psalms. Psalms are filled with fear, hopelessness, doubt, pain and suffering as well as thanksgiving and praise. God does answer prayer and work in many ways whether or not we call them miracles today.

Love, as always, in Christ,

Pastor Michael



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[Minister's Surgery at NPBC](#)

Minister's surgery is held on Tuesdays between 1pm - 3pm. If you would like to speak to Revd. Michael Lovejoy or visit, you can contact him by email rev.maclovejoy@gmail.com or by telephone on 020 8632 9225 (Manse)

NB. Visits are by appointment only.

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