

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

We are glad you joined us this morning at NPBC. We would love to get to know you better and make you feel at home here. We invite you to fill out a connection card, in our welcome pack, as this will help get to know you more. Make sure to stop for tea or coffee and feel free to speak to someone if you have any questions.

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OUR VISION IS...
KNOW CHRIST
AND MAKE HIM **KNOWN**

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th March 2020
Northolt Park Baptist Church

Family Service

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This week Brett Jordan is leading the worship service and Olu Falowo will be bringing the ministry of the word.

This week's scripture reading Daniel 9 (NIV)

Scripture focus Daniel 9:3-6

³ 'So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴ I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:

"Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. ⁶ We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.'

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 (1 st Wed)	1.45pm
Wednesday Bread for Life (Alt Wed)	8pm
Thursday Girls Brigade	6pm
Friday Worship Music Practice	7.30pm

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	Dennis Janet
Josephine	Jenny Sue
Missions (Coordinator)	Jennifer Lovejoy

Contacts for Pastoral Matters

Revd. Michael Lovejoy,
Josephine Morris (Church Secretary)
Janet Yau (Church Treasurer)
Yinka Falowo (Designated Safeguarding Lead)



Worship Team for this Week

Worship Lead – Brett Jordan
Music – Dennis
Vocals – Janet
Vocals – Josephine
Vocals – Jenny
Vocals – Jemma

Preaching/Worship Rota

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

SERVICES IN MARCH 2020

Sunday 1st March

Theme: 'It's not the Power of the Goat or Ram, but the Lamb'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Daniel 8

Sunday 8th March

FAMILY SERVICE
Theme: 'Daniel's Prayer'
Speaker: Olu Falowo
Scriptures: Daniel 9

Sunday 15th March

COMMUNION SERVICE
Theme: 'Angelic Conflict'
Speaker: Dr. Annette Glaw
Scriptures: Daniel 10

Sunday 22nd March

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE
Theme: 'The Man of Sin'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Daniel 11

The Sunday Club

The Sunday Club teaching rota has been published and can be found on the church noticeboard. Speak to Yinka for further information on teaching and resources.

This month's Mission Focus

Evangelical Congregational Church - Haskovo Bulgaria

Read an update from Pastor Deyan online or in our church missions notice board for PRAYER FOCUS and needs.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Something for Everyone!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be on 10th March at 10am.
Please speak to Sue for further details
ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next meeting will be on 1st April at 1.45pm.
Hazel Gordon will be leading
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BREAD FOR LIFE

Our next Bible study meeting will be on 18th March at 8pm.
Please speak to Paul for further details
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Alpha at Northolt Park Baptist Church

Sunday 8th March 2020 at 12.15pm – 1.30pm

Jesus in Mark 6

You are invited to Alpha for a light snacks tea/coffee, 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.

PRAYER MATTERS

Tanner and Kristiana returned to the UK safely. It was indeed a productive and an encouraging outcome to conclude matters. This is indeed answer to prayer. We give thanks and praise for this young family.

Continue to pray for Margaret C. Pray she will continue to gain her strength and recover fully from her recent illness.

Pray for all our baptism candidates. The Alpha course is proving an encouraging support to all concerned. The Alpha course is being conducted directly after our Sunday service.

Jacob's dad was Baptised in Hull last week. We give God praise and thanks for this wonderful news. 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 npsc.pray@gmail.com
If you have an urgent and important prayer concern, please contact Pastor Michael Lovejoy. Telephone 020 8632 9225 (Manse)
Our [website www.npsc.uk.com](http://www.npsc.uk.com)

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The Cross Connection

God is love. Love is the foundation on which our salvation is established. That's a vertical connection, God choosing to pierce human history with His light in an otherwise dark meaningless world. The 'Cross' forms a number of relationship connection. We maybe saved, but we're not free from oppression, captivity and sin. This position is expressed wonderfully, in a prayer, by Mother Teresa.

Love expressed in an unexpected way

'O God, we pray for all those in our world who are suffering from injustice: For those who are discriminated against because of their race, colour or religion; For those imprisoned for working for the relief of oppression; For those who are hounded for speaking the inconvenient truth; For those tempted to violence as a cry against overwhelming hardship; For those deprived of reasonable health and education; For those suffering from hunger and famine; For those too weak to help themselves and who have no one else to help them; For the unemployed who cry out for work but do not find it.

We pray for anyone of our acquaintance who is personally affected by injustice. Forgive us, Lord, if we unwittingly share in the conditions or in a system that perpetuates injustice. Show us how we can serve your children and make your love practical by washing their feet.'

Mother Teresa

Looking Above for an Earthly Vision

Mother Teresa's prayer looks, above, to God in repentance, for direction and service. The plight of humanity is made clear, in her prayer. It's a horizontal relationship problem. Horizontal mentality and vision work best when it's connected to our already established vertical source (In Christ). Any missional vision and outreach often present challenge in the form of walls, obstacles, barriers...etc. However, we are encouraged to: 'build bridges, build communities and build discipleship. 'Scriptures quote Jesus saying: 'If you love me... feed my lambs and sheep. The 'Cross' forms both a vertical and horizontal connection. A symbol of both suffering and hope. Suffering prior to resurrection. The challenge is to build with this truth. However, we are not alone. We are co-workers with Christ on this building project. An Upward mentality reflects an outward reality. Jesus said: if you love me keep my commandments. (John 14:15). We are an 'Easter' Sunday' people, living in a 'Good Friday' world!

Love, to you all, in Christ

Pastor Michael

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