



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9th February 2020

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

To Know Christ and Make Christ Known



Family Service

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist

Church. This week Janet Yau is leading the worship service and Dr. Annette Glaw will be bringing the ministry of the word.

This week's scripture reading Daniel 5 (NIV)

The Writing on the Wall

5 King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. 2 While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. 3 So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. 4 As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

5 Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. 6 His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

7 The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

8 Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. 9 So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled.

10 The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "May the king live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed! Don't look so pale! 11 There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. In the time of your father he was found to have insight and intelligence and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners. 12 He did this because Daniel, whom the king called Belteshazzar, was found to have a keen mind and knowledge and understanding, and also the ability to interpret dreams, explain riddles and solve difficult problems. Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

13 So Daniel was brought before the king, and the king said to him, "Are you Daniel, one of the exiles my father the king brought from Judah? 14 I have heard that the spirit of the gods is in you and that you have insight, intelligence and outstanding wisdom. 15 The wise men and enchanters were brought before me to read this writing and tell me what it means, but they could not explain it. 16 Now I have heard that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. If you can read this writing and tell me what it means, you will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around your neck, and you will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

17 Then Daniel answered the king, "You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.

18 "Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. 19 Because of the high position he gave him,

all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. For those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. 20 But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. 21 He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.

22 “But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. 23 Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. 24 Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

25 “This is the inscription that was written:

mene, mene, tekel, parsin

26 “Here is what these words mean:

Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

27 Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

28 Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

29 Then at Belshazzar’s command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

30 That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, 31 and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

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 - Janet Yau
Music - iSing/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, 16th February, Rev. Michael Lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. The text is taken from Daniel 6. Pray for Michael as she prepares the word and we receive with eagerness.

PRAYER MATTERS



Margaret G. will be formally accepted into church membership this Sunday. 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

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TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February at 10am.
Please speak to Sue for further details
ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our next meeting will be on 4th March at 1.45pm.
Hazel Gordon will be leading
ALL ARE WELCOME!

BREAD FOR LIFE

Our next Bible study meeting will be on 12th February at 8pm.
Please speak to Paul Simpson for further details
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Alpha at Northolt Park Baptist Church

Saturday 1st February 2020 at 10am - 11.30am

Week 5

Jesus in Mark 4

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.

FSCI
Foundation for Social
Change and Inclusion

Christmas Box Appeal





2019 Christmas Box Appeal - Thank you

Dear Rev Lovejoy,

Thank you to everyone at Northolt Park Baptist Church for your wonderful donation of shoeboxes to our 2019 Christmas Box Appeal. Our amazing supporters donated a total of 9,985 boxes to the appeal, and spread a lot of joy throughout Bulgaria, where the presents were distributed. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who took part.

Please find a thank you certificate for the church attached. We have included a short thank you piece that you can choose to edit and publish in your church news should you wish.

We distributed your presents in poor rural schools, kindergartens, orphanages, Roma communities, homes for senior citizens and isolated rural communities amongst others. Everywhere we went we could see how much impact a present can make; as well as the obvious joy of receiving a gift they show the recipient that someone cares for them and is thinking about them. It was a special privilege to be welcomed into Roma churches to give out presents. Please visit the "FSCI (UK)" YouTube page for videos of Christmas boxes being received.

Beyond Christmas

In partnership with local churches and Christian NGOs throughout Southeast Europe, FSCI tackles big social issues all year round, such as human-trafficking, extreme poverty and the marginalisation of vulnerable people. Projects include the House of Opportunity Programme, that provides a safe and secure transition to independence for at-risk young state-care leavers, helping them to avoid poverty and exploitation at the hands of human-traffickers.

We would be delighted if Northolt Park Baptist Church would support us in some further way. You could make an enormous difference.

Why not:

- Ask us to come to talk about the work we do in a service or mission evening.
- Nominate FSCI to your church council or mission committee to receive financial support from your church.

We can't tell you how valuable this would be.

Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Yours gratefully,
Rich Parsons

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.

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



[Spiritual direction and leadership](#)

My call and induction at NPBC, took place two years ago today. Spiritual direction forms part of that journey. What do we understand by the term 'spirituality'? How would we fashion a working definition of Christian spirituality? What do we regard as the essential elements of truly Christian spirituality and direction? These questions help support a model of spirituality which is biblical, a spirituality which draws from the rich traditions of the Christian church, and a spirituality direction which has Jesus at the centre. Let me start by saying it is with prayer, excitement and

enthusiasm that I continue to explore my spiritual direction within pastoral leadership. For me, prayer comes first. It's about seeking God's guidance by the ministry of the word in prayer. I believe God called me first to pray, to prepare, and to be patient concerning spiritual direction and leadership.

[What does the Bible teach on spirituality and spiritual direction?](#)

Christian spirituality is biblically grounded, reliant on the Holy Spirit and an integral part of life. Christian spirituality is biblically defined as the practice of the beliefs of the Christian faith. It includes both knowledge and action. James 1:25 notes, for example: 'But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.' From the earliest writings of the New Testament, the principle of integrated and authentic faith and action has been taught as essential to Christian spirituality. Christian spirituality relies on the power of the Holy Spirit to live according to God's will. For example, 1 John 1:5-8 teaches that true spirituality depends on the supernatural power God gives through the Holy Spirit rather than dependence on human strength. Christian spirituality is concerned with all of a person's life. Rather than separating spiritual, physical, financial, social, and other life components into distinct areas, Christian spirituality connects lives that experiences a relationship with God.

[Order my Steps in Your Word](#)

The theme for my ordination service was 'Order my steps in your word'. My theme was inspired by the songwriter Glenn Burleigh:

'Order my steps in Your Word, Dear Lord
Lead me, guide me every day
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray
Order my steps in Your Word, YES
Order my steps in Your Word...

This was the sentiments of my heart then, and still remains the spiritual direction for my life and ministry today. My personal definition of Christian ministry can be summarised in the motto 'to know Christ and make Him known'. This is a shared biblical principle among a number of churches; however, a deeper prayerful reflection on this phrase continues to give me a new appreciation of its value in helping me to be an effective minister as I conduct my ministry as a commissioned disciple of Christ at NPBC. Do you know your spiritual direction?

Love, as always, in Christ,

Pastor Michael



Local Events



Please see noticeboard at the back of the church for information

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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