

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Regrettably the following notice was posted at our Church door: '**CHURCH CLOSURE**' – Coronavirus (COVID-19)
In the light of the Coronavirus pandemic, and acting on strong advice from the Baptist Union UK, I have decided to suspend all church activities, including Sunday morning services until further notice, with immediate effect.' Naturally, this isn't a course of action that has been taken lightly, but it is imperative in order to protect our elderly, medically vulnerable and local community and act responsibly in the current climate. Contact Pastor Michael for prayer

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KNOW CHRIST
AND MAKE HIM **KNOWN**

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Sunday 10th May 2020

Northolt Park Baptist Church

ONLINE FAMILY SERVICE

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This coming Sunday we are planning to present an online service. Rev'd Michael Lovejoy will be live-streaming his sermon and Josephine Morris will lead us in a time of prayer and worship. You are all welcome to join our online service this coming Sunday.

This week's scripture reading is taken from Luke 4:14-30 (NIV)

'Jesus' Mission Statement'

Scripture Focus verses Luke 4: 18-19 (NIV)

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Livestreaming and Online Matters

Olu has kindly offered to support us with his Information Communication Technology (ICT) experience during these uncertain times. Please see, below his message relating to live streaming our service for this coming Sunday.

In light of current circumstances and our inability to meet in person, we are using Blizz to live stream our Sunday Services. It was great seeing some of the congregation this past Sunday, to worship together. If you haven't, please download the Blizz video instructions at https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgbMp-T9wQyci-k7tHM45Hg_jo9l2Q?e=8zIPCi and go through the one for your relevant device (i.e. desktop or phone).

The videos are for Windows and iPhone devices, but a lot of the principles shown apply to both Mac and Android devices. We will be having 1 Test session (mainly for first time users) before the Sunday Service session. The session is to ensure that everyone is familiar with Blizz, the on-line meeting software and to ensure that any issues are resolved before the Sunday service. For each session you should be able to see something similar to one of the screens we had last week.

Session Name: Sunday Service

Date: 10/05/2020 10:30am
Web Address (URL): <https://go.blizz.com/join/m38264420>
Meeting ID: m382-644-20

To join by landline, please dial 0845 034 151 0 and then key in the relevant meeting id. The meeting id for the Sunday Service is 38264420. The Sunday online service starts at 10.30am, however, please logon at 10.15am. This will give some time for everyone to get logged in before we start service. If you do not have a web connected computer or mobile smart phone, but have a free Weekend 0845 landline package, you can join the meeting by calling the number already mentioned at the stated time and then key in the relevant meeting id (e.g. m382-644-20). Please note 0845 numbers are free on the weekend in most phone packages. For those who do not have access to free 0845 numbers, please let Michael know and we can arrange for an alternative way for you to join Sunday service.

WEC – Mission Prayer Focus for this Month

Want to read more? Please see the online newsletter with David and Margie's mission updates. Let's remain prayerful for both David and Margie's safety and protection during this global COVID-19 pandemic.

ALL PUBLIC SERVICES ARE CANCELLED

The April - June 2020 preaching and worship rota are published on the church notice board.

This quarter's Themes: Jesus in the Gospels and Acts of the Holy Spirit.

SERVICES IN MAY 2020

Sunday 3rd May

Theme: 'Jesus' - Universal Salvation'

Speaker: Dr Annette Glaw

Scriptures: Luke 2:25-33)

Sunday 10th May

FAMILY SERVICE

Theme: Jesus' Mission Statement'

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30

Sunday 17th May

COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus – Eternal Life'

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: John 20:30-31

Sunday 24th May

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus – The Way, Truth and Light

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Scriptures: (TBC)

Sunday 31st May

Theme: The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost Sunday)

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: Acts (TBC)

ALL CHURCH EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP
BREAD FOR LIFE
ALPHA COURSE

Church works stopped due to COVID-19

Both JBSR and Daniels have confirmed stopping work until further notice.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Church is dependent on your generous giving. We would want you to save your tithe/offering until our return to public worship/fellowship or make deposits directly into our Church Barclays' account, No: 70317500, Bank Code 20-38-83. Thank you for your continued support in your giving unto the Lord

isolated – But Interconnected

We are looking for your stories, poems, reflections. prayers...etc, to encourage others who maybe feeling isolated and lonely missing the fellowship of our church and family community. Please send in your contributions to our Pastor at rev.maclovejoy@gmail.com Thanks for all your contributions!

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MINISTRY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN!

The following Sunday 17th May, Rev'd Michael Lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Michael as he prepares to minister to us especially during these uncertain times.

PRAYER MATTERS!

Do continue your prayers for Tanner's mother Deborah. She also lives in the USA. She had recently undergone a knee replacement but has developed a post-operative infection. Pray she will make a full recovery. Pray also for Tanner's elderly dad and his brother in support during this difficult time.

Joyce Pett lost her mother recently. Do please continue to support Joyce with your prayers and telephone calls. I am planning to hold a 'Celebration of Life' Memorial Service for her mother Violet (Vi) when public church service is resumed.

Do continue to pray for Margaret Carey as she recovers and gains strength after her recent hospital visit. Pray she will continue to gain her strength and recover fully.

We have post!

Update from 2nd Northolt Girls Brigade Captain – Rebekah Rego During this Sunday's, online, family service. Rebekah has kindly offered to share the Brigade's efforts to earn their GB badges during the lockdown. Well done Girls! Keep up the good work everyone. If you want to have a preview of the children's work, request an online version of our newsletter be emailed to you or subscribe to Mailchimp for regular updates.

PRAYER MATTERS

Do continue your prayers for James. He has special needs and recovering from his seizure. Pray for Alfred, Jean and extended family in their needs and in support of James' recovery.

Please do continue your prayers for Val. Pray for Val and her extended family during this difficult time. The funeral took place in Yarmouth on Friday last week.

Elizabeth Sharman passed away last week. She was a member of our local Methodist Church. Elizabeth was known to many at our church fellowship. Do continue to pray for her family during this difficult time.

Continue to pray for Alisa's mum. She, more recently, had major surgery. Pray she will continue to heal and gain her strength and be restored to full health.

Continue to pray for Olu's brother Femi, who lives in Atlanta Georgia USA. We are trusting God for Femi's continued healing and full recovery.

Continue praying for Paul Simpson who has been feeling unwell showing COVID symptoms for the past few weeks. Pray his very low energy levels and for his persistent chesty cough will improve and his health will be restored.

Do continue your prayers for Tanner's mother Deborah. She also lives in the USA. Pray she will make a full recovery. Pray also for Tanner's elderly dad and his brother in their needs and support during this difficult time.

LET US PRAY FOR YOU

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Lockdown but not Locked Out

The media reported 'The UK was put into lockdown on 23rd March in an unprecedented step to attempt to limit the spread of coronavirus.' In 1990, the beautiful Islands of Trinidad and Tobago was on lockdown. I experienced a coup taking place. Trinidad was placed under a six-day twenty four hour curfew. This extended to a few daylight hours of freedom and after that to a month of 6 pm - 6 am night-time lockdown. This went on for a further three months. Nothing was flying in or out of Trinidad. Militants raided Parliament, and several ministers were killed, and Prime Minister Robinson and other members of his party were held captive. Prime Minister Robinson was shot in the leg during this hostage. There were gunshots, looting, rationing of food and fuel during this terrible time of uncertainty. It would appear the whole country was in a state of confusion and fear.

During the coup in Trinidad, Churches were literally on their knees before the Lord for their protection and provision. The churches organised food parcel drops and prayed for churches and the local community. This present lockdown is a peaceful reminder of what happened to us in Trinidad. I shan't forget this incident. However, Paul in; 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 writes: 'We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him, we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.'

This was Paul's lockdown situation, one of many may I add. Throughout Paul's ministry, he suffered trials and persecution. He was imprisoned, shipwrecked, betrayed stoned and beaten. In forced isolation, Paul felt alone, and often he went without food and sleep. Yet, Paul was strengthened by the Lord's presence. Our strength and comfort come from the Lord. Lockdown is a beautiful opportunity for us to have heads bowed in reverence, hands joined in peace, knees bent with humility and gratitude and hearts open in repentance and ready to forgive and be forgiven. A time to hear from the Lord. 'Have mercy on me Lord', was the cry of many Biblical martyrs. Cries of mercy and grace was the key to unlocking the lockdown situations in David's life and Paul's life. How are you coping with your lockdown situation? May God help us all to seek His face in repentance, calling for mercy and grace, as we continue to bend, to breaking point, with humility, as we seek and find the Lord. WE are in lockdown but are not locked out. Be encouraged and confident of His grace.

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