



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th August 2019
Northolt Park Baptist Church

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

To Know Christ and Make Christ Known



Husbands **L**  **VE** Your Wives

Ephesians 5:25-33

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



This week's scripture reading (Ephesians 5:21-33, 6:1-9) NIV

Instructions for Christian Households

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. 22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the

Sunday 11th August

'Family Service'

Theme: 'The Application of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Jenny

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33, 6:1-9

Scripture Reader: Pat

Sunday Club: Family Service

Creche: Family Service

Greeters:

Teas/Coffees: Brett

Services in August

Sunday 4th August

Theme: 'The Obligation of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Brett Jordan

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-32, 5:1-20

Scripture Reader: Nicola

Sunday Club:

Creche:

Greeters: Timi

Teas/Coffees: Sue

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'Family Service'

Theme: 'The Application

church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Chapter 6

1 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

9 And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Something for Everyone

— @ NPBC —

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 (Alt Weds) -	8pm
Thursday Girls Brigade -	6pm
Friday Worship Team Music Practice -	7.30pm

of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Hazel

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21-33, 6:1-9

Scripture Reader: Pat

Sunday Club: Family Service

Creche: Family Service

Greeters:

Teas/Coffees: Brett

Sunday 18th August

'Communion Service'

Theme: 'The Spirit of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Sue

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

Scripture Reader: Lisa

Servers: Yinka/Hazel

Sunday Club:

Creche:

Greeters: Pat

Teas/Coffees: Paul

Sunday 25th August

'Mission Focus' - Jenny

Theme: TBC

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Worship Lead: Janet

Music:

Dennis/iSingWorship

Scripture: TBC

Scripture Reader: Paul

Sunday Club:

Creche:

Greeters: Sue

Teas/Coffees: Letia, Hazel

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**

PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS

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

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP TEAM

Worship Lead - Jenny Lovejoy
Music - iSing
Vocals - Janet
Vocals - Josephine
Vocals - Jenny

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE @ NPBC

BAPTISM-MEMBERSHIP

PRAYER MATTERS

Hazel Gordon was admitted into hospital this week after becoming unwell at her GP surgery. She was kept in overnight for further observation and treatment and discharged the following day. Pray God will heal and restore her. Do also pray for Roy and their extended family.

Do continue praying for Margaret. She is gaining strength gradually after a review of her medication by her GP. Stan has requested no home visits, at present, and had asked to check with him before planning a visit. Let's continue to keep them both in our prayers.

Pray for Pat who recently had gallstones removed. Pray she will continue to heal and for her speedy recovery.

Do continue to pray 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.



Baptism and Church Membership Classes will continue this Sunday directly after service. If you, or anyone else you may know, feel may benefit from an introduction class to the bible or want to be baptised and want to prepare for church membership. Please contact our pastor Michael.



Let's continue praying for our church finances to meet the structural costs and general maintenance costs of our church. Pray we select the right contractors to undertake the works that's so needed to make safe/preserve structural defects and any new works as required.



We are on our summer break
THE NEXT MEETING
3rd September 2019 at 10.00am
ALL ARE WELCOME!

The newly elected Conservative leader Mr Boris Johnson says he has three priorities: 'To 'deliver' Brexit, 'unite' the country and 'defeat' Jeremy Corbyn. The conservative mantra changed from an acronym 'DUD' to 'DUDE' by Boris Johnson. (I am not sure which acronym is worse?). The final 'E' is for (Energise). 'Dude we are going to energise the country' were the words of the new conservative leader. Smile! Let's continue praying for our new prime minister and senior ministers of his cabinet. Pray also for all are political leaders. May God give them wisdom and direction as they serve our country.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-politics-49084446/boris-johnson-dude-we-are-going-to-energise-the-country>

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



Do continue prayer for all our baptism candidates:



WEDNESDAY @ 1.45PM

The next meeting will be held on 4th September 1.45pm. We are taking a break over the summer holidays. Hazel Gordon will be leading us on our return. Have a wonderful summer break everyone.

'BREAD FOR LIFE'

Alternative Wednesdays @8pm

The next 'Bread for Life' meeting will be on Wednesday 21st August at 8pm. We are studying the book of Judges. Please speak to Paul for further details.

Tanner, Kristiana ,
Jacqueline, Dolu,
Precious and Mehrshad
who are preparing for
baptism and church
membership.



Pray for Michael as he
prepares the ministry of
the word for this coming
Family Sunday.

Let us pray for you

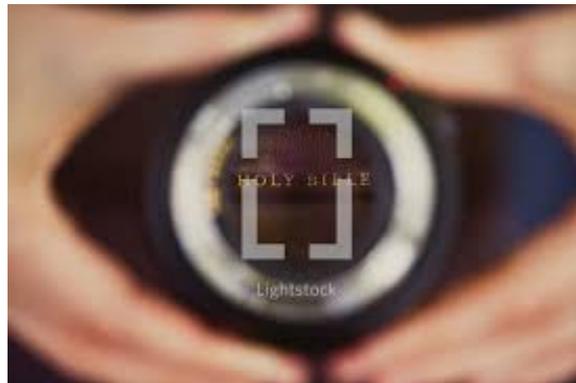
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If you have an
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important prayer
concern, please
contact Pastor
Michael Lovejoy
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Get more information on
forthcoming activities at
NPBC on the church
website

www.npbc.uk.com

PASTOR THI FROM MESSAGE



[One for the album - God in focus](#)

As a Minister of Religion, you never forget officiating your first marriage. Charlie and Dan were a young couple who were very persistent on getting married at Honor Oak Baptist Church. It took them a number of months, of searching, to find a church to get married in. One of my introductory questions, to them was: 'Why do you want to get married in this Church?' Expecting to hear we live locally or there's a family connection with marriage at this church, or maybe we just want our marriage to be blessed by God. But the reply was: 'We love this church because it's got wonderful stained glass windows and we thought it would make great photographs in our wedding album.' Taken back a little, I smiled, I knew I had a lot of pre-marital counselling to do, with this young couple, before marrying them. But, from the outset, I just loved their honesty. Ministers normally conduct pre-marital counselling before officiating a marriage ceremony. Charlie and Dan's introduction to pre-marital counselling involved filling in a questionnaire with 80 probing questions, relating to every aspect of their their private and public lives. The fact that they even bothered to complete the questionnaire and not bin it, spoke volumes about their committed relationship and love. Let's not forget the potential wonderful wedding photos that may also have been a motivating factor. Smile!

There's never been a generation whose view on marriage has been so marginalised as today. Rightfully or wrongfully, the church is often viewed for providing a service to the community. The chasm between the biblical vision of marriage and the post-modern age is vast. I believe the church is an integral part of the community and therefore here to support the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of its community. However, I also believe the

the spiritual, emotional and practical needs of the community. However, I also believe the world cannot fully know what marriage is without learning it from God. I pray that this message might be used by God to help set us free from the, worldly, culturally centred, self-centred, Christ-ignoring, God-neglecting, unbiblical views of marriage. But, the fact is, many cultures historically, do respect the importance of faith based marriages.

[A snapshot of God for the album](#)

'I'm in a relationship' is a term that often used and understood within social media. In Genesis 1:1 we read: 'In the beginning God...' Where are you on that journey to discover your relationship with God? Have you seriously considered the 3rd person, i.e. God, in your marital relationship? Primarily, couples exchange vows to one another in the sight of God, therefore, it's not just a legal requirement. Ultimately, marriage is a display of God's love. The foundational thing to see from the Bible, about marriage, is that it's God ordained, it's for His glory and for our pleasure.

[Marriage through Biblical lens](#)

A fast shutter speed can reveal more than 500 frames with images of Old and New Testament references to: 'marriage', 'married,' 'husband' and 'wife'. However, I have selected just five frames from Genesis 2:18, 21-24. In this first image, we can conclude that marriage is God's idea, designed and instituted by the Creator. In these frames/verses we also discover that at the heart of God's design for marriage is companionship and intimacy. It's with these promises/vows: 'I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honor you, all that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you within the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,' we're portrayed being relation. There it is.

In closure, you don't have to married to know or experience a relationship with God. Film is running out. Let me end with a few concluding snapshots taken from Ephesians 5:24-25: 'Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.' Paul here switches to a wide angle lens to capture a God perspective for the wedding album. What's your image of Christ? Growing up, in India, there was a photographic phrase that was often used in photographic studios: 'Photo-Catcher - Catcha-Photo'. You may well be focused on catching the moment, but God is focused on catching the moment before it catches you.

Love, to you all, in Christ,

Pastor Michael



Reaching the Unreached

THIS MONTH'S MISSION PRAYER FOCUS

Prayer requests from David and Margie Whitehorns

Family and Ministry

- 'Exciting family news is that Sophia Grace was born to Ruth and Mark on the 13th June and both Mum and daughter are doing well, though Ruth could do with more sleep!
- We were able to meet up with Salomi (Branch Leader for G.Bissau) in the UK when she was on her way back to G.Bissau. She and Margarida (her deputy), were able to gain some Leadership training in Indonesia in March.
- As Hans and Elfi are the link ADs for ACTS13 which is now based in Ghana, we felt it made sense for them to be the link ADs for the Ghana Branch as well. In exchange we are now link ADs for the Gambia.

- We praise the Lord for 3 new missionaries who recently completed their training with WEC Brazil and are heading to Africa. Tânia (Mozambique) and Gabriel

Pray for the coming months

- We will help at Teen camps for a week here in the UK from 3rd Aug; Margie in the kitchen and David as a general helper. There is still a need for more leaders maybe you could help?!
- A couple who are teachers for BCS Senegal are coming to stay for two nights (Aug 12, 13), for orientation.
- At the beginning of September, we will be going on holiday with my Father and Elizabeth for 3 nights.
- On the 20th September we fly out to Senegal to meet with the Bohls and help them do the final sorting out of the Africa Area office. They will now be based in Switzerland.
- From Senegal we will go on to visit the Gambia to get to know the leaders and others in the team. In November we visit Chad and December, Guinea- Bissau.'

Thank you for continuing to support us in prayer.

With our love and God bless you,

David and Margie Whitehorn

Missions/Charities we support at NPBC

Food Bank - Local Community Outreach)

2nd Company Northolt Girls Brigade - Local children's Mission Outreach)

BMS World Mission - Baptist Ministers David and Michelle Mahon

Living Stones House of Prayer - Cyprus

Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ (WEC International) - David and Margie Whitehorn.

Baptist Home Mission Fund

Spurgeon's Children's Charity

See mission newsletters on the church notice board for prayer focus.

Please forward any mission prayer focus news to npbc.mission@gmail.com or speak to Jenny Lovejoy (Mission Coordinator)

* Note any personal and sensitive mission information cannot be published in this newsletter. Maintaining strictest confidentiality is our priority.





Please see notice board 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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