

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17th March 2019
Northolt Park Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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 Brett Jordan is leading the worship service and Revd. Michael Lovejoy will be preaching.

'DO NOT WORRY'

— (Matthew 6:24-34) —

This week's scripture reading
(Matthew 6:25-34) NIV

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the

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'Communion Service'

Servers: Sue/Paul

Theme: 'Don't Worry'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Brett

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Scripture Reader: Pat

Sunday Club: Yinka

Creche: TBC

Greeters: Pat

Teas/Coffees: Lisa

body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[a]?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Something for Everyone — @ NPBC —

REGULAR ACTIVITIES HELD AT NPBC

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| 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 |

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

Services in March 2019

Sunday 3rd March

Theme: 'Praying-Fasting'
Speaker: Martin
Hopwood
Worship Lead: Janet
Scripture: Matthew
Scripture Reader: Hazel
Sunday Club: TBC
Creche: TBC
Greeters: Letia
Teas/Coffees: Paul

Sunday 10th March

'Family Service'
Theme: 'Where Are Your Treasures?'
Speaker: Michael Lovejoy
Worship Lead: Hazel
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-24
Scripture Reader: Nicola
Sunday Club: TBC
Creche: TBC
Greeters: Roy
Teas/Coffees: Dennis and Farina

Sunday 17th March

'Communion Service'
Theme: 'Don't Worry'
Speaker: Michael Lovejoy
Worship Lead: Brett
Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34
Scripture Reader: Pat
Sunday Club: Yinka
Creche: TBC
Greeters: Pat
Teas/Coffees: Lisa

Sunday 24th March

'Mission Prayer Focus'
Theme: 'Knowing the Truth'
Speaker: Olu Falowo

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 - Brett Jordan
Music - Dennis
Vocals - Jenny
Vocals - Josephine
Vocals - Janet

this week's news

@ NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet as usual on the 9th April 2019
Then we will be on Holiday on the 16th and
23rd April.

Worship Lead: Sue
Scripture: Matthew 7:1-14
Scripture Reader: Sue
Sunday Club: Janet
Creche: *TBC*
Greeters: Margaret Carey
Shared Church Lunch

Sunday 31st March

'Mothering Sunday'
Theme: 'Wise and foolish
Builders'
Speaker: Michael Lovejoy
Worship Lead: Josephine
Scripture: Matthew 7:15-29
Scripture Reader: Paul
Sunday Club: *TBC*
Creche: *TBC*
Greeters: Yinka
Teas/Coffees: Hazel and
Letia



Prayer Matters

The lenten period started on Wednesday 6th March. Pray for a revival in the church during this period of Lent. Pray that this time will give us the opportunity to pray, reflect, fast and meditate even more, upon His Word, our needs, as a church, and the needs of our local community.

Pray that Northolt Park Baptist Church continues

Our next meeting will be on the 30th April
at 10 am.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



DEACONS MEETING

21st March Agenda NPBC Building Development



NPBC REFURBISHMENT WORKS / NEW DEVELOPMENT

This is a one item agenda. Pastor Michael has requested all Deacons be present Thursday 21st March at 8pm.



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Margaret Reynolds will be leading the Wednesday Fellowship Meeting. All are most welcome to attend on Wednesday 3rd March at 1.45pm.

Teas/Coffees and Hot-cross buns will be served

to grow in God's grace, in unity within the bond of peace and we are bound by prayer for the needs of others.

Pray for all our leadership team that God will continue to give humility, wisdom and direction. Do pray as the Deacons meet this week as they discuss the future of our church building.

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.

Recently the media reported schools having to provide basic needs like: toiletries clean clothes and food for children. Please pray for children across the country and within our local community who go to school hungry and with inadequate clothing. Pray God will provide for them and their families. Also continue to pray for our outreach work through Food Bank provision at NPBC.

Let's continue praying for the Brexit talks. Pray God



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday 9th April the Wednesday Fellowship group are planning to have lunch at the Harvester in Northolt. They are meeting in the Harvester at 1pm. Please contact Hazel Gordon or Sue Blake for further details.

will give wisdom and direction with all negotiations and any agreements will serve our nation and maintain relations with the EU and rest of the world.

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
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Get more information on forthcoming activities at NPBC on the church website

www.npbc.uk.com

PASTOR THI FROM MESSAGE

More recently the leadership team, and I, attended a Level 2 safeguarding training course led by the LBA. This training was most informative and was well received by all who attended. The ability to manage both child and vulnerable-adult safeguarding policies and establish good practice are importance and is a legal requirement.

There is no single piece of legislation that covers ‘child protection’ or ‘safeguarding’ in the UK but a number of laws that are continually being amended and updated. The Children’s Act 1989 provides a comprehensive framework for the care and protection of children. It centres on the welfare of children up to their 18th birthday.

In our changing society, it has become necessary to constantly review the welfare and protection of vulnerable groups. With this in mind the government, in conjunction with all the leading welfare and social services agencies came together to produce and implement the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 legislation maintains safeguarding polices. The previous system for vetting people who wish to work with children or vulnerable adults operates through employers obtaining criminal record certificates issued by the Criminal Records Bureau (“CRB disclosures”) for new job applicants. However, now we have in place: ‘The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), which helps employers make safer recruitment decisions and regulates/prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children. It replaces the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA). DBS is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Home Office.

The Baptist Union GB notes: ‘Safeguarding is the protection of adults and children from harm, abuse or neglect. Every church should adopt safeguarding policy statements for

children, young people, and adults at risk. In regard to Safeguarding Policies the BU polices notes: 'Every church should adopt safeguarding policy statements. Even if you are a church that does not currently work with children; all churches are open to the public, and trustees/deacons should be mindful that, although children may not currently be attending their church, they could do so in the future.' The Safeguarding polices are focused on two groups: ' Safe to Grow' is the BUGB policy on children and young people and 'Safe to Belong' is the BUGB policy on adults at risk.

I have been teaching at Secondary level, (11-16) and Post 16 (16-19 age range), education for 26 years prior to my Newly Accredited Baptist Minister status. In response to the death of Victoria Climbié, the exposed shameful failings in our ability to protect the most vulnerable children was highlighted . A UK government initiative, for England, launched the 'Every Child Matters' (ECM) in 2003. But what exactly is it and what does it mean? It applies to the well being of children and young people from when they're born up until they reach the age of 18 and is based on the idea that every child matters, regardless of their individual circumstances or background, should have plenty of support throughout their life. In the Every Child Matters' policy, there are five key principles which the government believe children should have support with and these are: To be healthy, to stay safe, to enjoy and achieve, to make a positive contribution and to achieve economic well being.

We all have a responsibility to develop and maintain Safeguarding policies. We, at NPBC, have undertaken to commit to Child and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding policies and along with this will continue to implement and review risk assessment documents. These documents are made available, at NPBC, for all to view. In addition, further training on Safeguarding for both leadership and interested members is to be encouraged.

In closing, may I share a few basics safeguarding reminders the LBA trainer had shared with us:

1. WHAT TO DO AND NOT TO DO - Listen, observe and pass it on and don't investigate.
2. THE 4 R's' - Recognise, Respond, Record and Report.
3. THE 4 W's - Who, What, Where and When. (Their words not yours)
4. ASK OPEN QUESTIONS - FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION
5. IF A CHILD IS INVOLVED - It maybe helpful to refer to 'LITTLE TED' - Tell me about how TED is feeling... Explain about TED...Describe what happened to TED...etc.
6. Finally, tell only your designated safeguarding person...

At NPBC that person is Yinka Falowo. (This is a private/confidential matter therefore DO NOT discuss openly with others even if asked to pray about it)

Indeed every child and vulnerable adult matters. Let's prayerfully seek God's direction and wisdom in such matters. Like the Health and Safety at Work Act, we are all responsible to support and maintain a safe environment for all to stay safe, be healthy, enjoy and achieve and grow (in all its forms) at NPBC.

May God continue to bless you all in His service. (Pastor Michael)

The logo features the word "FOCUS" in a white, bold, sans-serif font, enclosed within a white circle. To the right of the circle, the word "MISSIONS" is written in a larger, white, all-caps, sans-serif font. The background of the top half of the page is a green-to-blue gradient with faint circular patterns.

FOCUS MISSIONS

This month's mission prayer focus
(Spurgeon's Children's Charity)

Missions/Charities we support at NPBC

- Spurgeon's Children's Charity
- Baptist Home Mission Fund
- Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade (WEC)
- Living Stones House of Prayer – Cyprus
- BMS World Mission - Baptist Ministers David and Michelle Mahon
- 2nd Company Northolt Girls Brigade (Local children's Mission Outreach)
- Food Bank (Local Community Outreach)

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*

Local Events

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 8422 8446 (Church Office)

NB. Visits are by appointment only.



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