

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Regrettably the following notice was posted at our Church door this week: '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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OUR VISION IS...
KNOW CHRIST
AND MAKE HIM **KNOWN**

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Sunday 22nd March 2020
Northolt Park Baptist Church

A reality that's become a virtual reality

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This Sunday we are planning to present a virtual reality service. Due to the uncertainty and nature of COVID-19 Virus. Our Pastor Rev. Michael Lovejoy has pre-recorded a short word of encouragement. This short time of prayer/worship and sermon will be hopefully uploaded to our NPBC webpage in due course. Do make your prayer requests known to others.

This week's scripture reading Psalm 27 (NIV)

Scripture focus verses 27:1, 4-5, 13-14

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. 5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

13 I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Something for EVERYONE!

ALL PUBLIC GATHERINGS ARE CANCELLED

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 Music

Music – iSing Worship
Prayer – Michael
Bible Reading – Psalm 27 – Jenny
Short Sermon – Pastor Michael

Preaching/Worship Rota

The April-June 2020 preaching and worship rotas is published on the church notice board. See church notices for Sunday service activities.

ALL SERVICES ARE CANCELLED

SERVICES IN APRIL 2020

Sunday 5th April (Palm Sunday)

Theme: 'Jesus - The Messiah'
Speaker: Dr. Annette Glaw
Scriptures: Matthew (Ref TBC)

Friday 10th April (Good Friday)

Theme: 'Easter People living in a Good Friday World'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scripture: Matthew 27:32-54

Sunday 12th April (Easter Sunday)

FAMILY DEDICATION SERVICE
Theme: 'Jesus - The Resurrection'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday 19th April

COMMUNION SERVICE
Theme: 'Jesus - The Servant'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Mark (Ref TBC)

Sunday 26th April

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE
Theme: 'Jesus - The Son of God'
Speaker: Olu Falowo
Scriptures: Mark (Ref TBC)

This month's Mission Focus

David and Michele Mahon in Peru with BMS
Read an update from Rev. David mission letter online or in our church missions notice board for PRAYER FOCUS and needs when public gatherings resume.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Something for Everyone!

ALL EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP
BREAD FOR LIFE
ALPHA COURSE



The Church building works have been arranged to start Monday 23rd March. There are two main contractors involved with the concrete and roofing works. We were wondering whether COVID-19 would cause disruptions to our building works during these uncertain times. But both JBSR and Daniels have confirmed the start date as mentioned.

Please do continue to pray for our Church building works to be carried out in safety and with competence. We had a building fund box in church for donations. However, due to COVID-19 and Sunday service gatherings being suspended until further notice. An alternative opportunity, to donate, would be to either save the donation and present it on our return to normal Sunday service gatherings or pay directly into our Church Barclays' account, No: 70317500, Bank Code 20-38-83. Again, thank you to everyone for your continued prayer support and very generous donations to date. We still have some way to go to reach £50,000 vision and target. Smile! But please do continue saving your pennies - £££ and give as the Lord leads.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

While we are on the subject of Church building donations, our giving unto the Lord in the form of our tithes and offering are not to be neglected. Proverbs 3:9 encourages us to: 'Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops'. The Church is dependent on your generous giving. We cannot match God's generosity, but whatever little we have to give becomes much, when it's placed in the Master's hands for His service. Again, 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. May God continue to bless your giving especially during a time of so much uncertainty in our country and world due to COVID-19 Virus.

PRAYER MATTERS

Media news report the Coronavirus spreading nationally in the UK. Pray for wisdom and direction with government leadership and for our NHS system working at breaking point. Its been reported the elderly and people with pre-existing medical conditions are more at risk with the virus. Hopefully with self-isolation measures and with no/minimal public engagements the virus spread can be slowed and isolated with time. If you have chosen to self-isolate or are generally feeling unwell and need practical support with shopping etc please do not hesitate to contact someone from the church contact list who may be able to help you.

Let's continue praying for Margaret C. Pray she will continue to gain her strength and recover fully from her recent illness.

Do continue to pray for all our Alpha course members. Pray for the Alpha course. The Alpha course was conducted directly after our Sunday services. However, Alpha study has now been uploaded to our NPBC's webpage.

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 npbc.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.npbc.uk.com](http://www.npbc.uk.com)

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Places of worship haven't been closed nationally since the II World War, and Church closures are making history in our country and globally. We are indeed living in very uncertain times. However, there is nothing that God is not in control of and is able to support during such times. Do please continue to pray for all our churches, our country and world with the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We often hear people say: 'Watch this space'. However, I say: 'watch and pray'. Against all odds, with God nothing is impossible, things could change. This COVID-19 too will pass away. Let's for now hold on to Proverbs 18:10. and Mark 10:27.

I want to share this quote with you all. "Church isn't the sort of thing you can go to. You can be the church, you can become the church, you can even do church, but you can't go to church. (Nowhere does the New Testament mention going to church.) One way of saying it is that church is the sort of thing that you become part of at the cost of your life. You're the church whenever you're with other Christians in such a way that you depend on each other enough that to do it you have to die to yourself. In that situation and almost only in that situation, can you love each other, serve each other, live in unity, and speak the truth to each other in love the way Ephesians 4 teaches." — John F. Alexander, *Being Church: Reflections on How to Live as the People of God* Ephesians 4:1-7 (NIV)

We, as a leadership team, want to assure members and friends of NPBC that we will be doing everything we can to keep in touch with you all, in the meantime, we want to ensure that everyone receives regular contact from our deacons or other church members.

We are planning to divide our church attenders into groups to share fellowship with via email, telephone calls, letters...etc. For those with internet access, it would be good if we provide a livestream of a shorter service (Worship music, Bible reading, prayer and short reflection/sermon) each Sunday morning at 10.30am. However, with my present ICT skills, I am unable to get things started without help. Olu has kindly emailed his support and I will be taking up his offer in this endeavour. To livestream a short service for this coming Sunday is indeed a challenge. But realistically, next Sunday would give us more time, to get Information Communication Technology (ICT) started. In the meantime, my prayer is that everyone stays well and that we are able to support and encourage one another by whatever method of communication or technology your familiar with during this challenging time. If not already done so, do please forward your contact details to leadership team for practical/prayer support.

Love, to you all, in Christ
Pastor Michael

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