



# NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th August 2019  
Northolt Park Baptist Church

**N**ortholt **P**ark **B**aptist **C**hurch

To Know Christ and Make Christ Known

SURENESS

Election-Call-Scripture

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This week Janet Yau is leading the worship service and Olu Falowo will be bringing the

Worship services and our prayers will be bringing the ministry of the word.

### This week's scripture reading

(2 Peter 1:1-20)

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ. To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: 2 Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

#### Confirming One's Calling and Election

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Prophecy of Scripture

12 So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. 13 I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, 14 because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. 15 And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

### This Sunday 18th August

'Mission Prayer Focus'

Theme: 'Election, Call and Scripture'

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Worship Lead: Janet

Music Lead: iSingWorship

Scripture: Ephesians 2

Peter 1:1-20

Scripture Reader: Paul

Sunday Club:

Creche:

Greeters: Sue

Teas/Coffees: Letia Hazel

### 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

#### Sunday 11th August

'Family Service'

Theme: 'The Application of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Hazel

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." 18 We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

## 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  |

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 |

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: 'One's Calling and Election'

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Worship Lead: Janet

Music:

*Dennis/iSingWorship*

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:1-20

Scripture Reader: Paul

Sunday Club:

Creche:

Greeters: Sue

Teas/Coffees: Letia, Hazel

PRAYER MATTERS

Friday Worship Practice: **Janet, Josephine, Jenny**  
Mission Coordinator: **Jenny 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** - iSingWorship  
**Vocals** - Janet  
**Vocals** - Josephine  
**Vocals** - Jenny

## THIS WEEK'S NEWS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE @ NPBC

## BAPTISM-MEMBERSHIP

(ACTS 2:41-42)

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



Examination Boards announced their GCSE levels results during the week. This year 20.7 per cent of all exams were given grades 7, 8 or 9, which is equivalent to A or A\*, making it the highest proportion since 2015. This is excellent news. I believe teaching standards have increased nationally despite new tougher thresholds inline with government pressure to raise educational standards to meet employer requirements now and into the future. Congratulations and well done to all our teachers and students. Let's be prayerfully mindful of students who had not achieved the needed grades to start AS/A (Level 3) and are having to either re-sit or take alternative routes into their desired careers/professions.

Do continue praying for Hazel, she has been unwell and making progress with her recovery. Pray God will heal and restore her health and strength. 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,

baptised and want to prepare for church membership. Please contact our pastor Michael. Provisional dates for baptism is either Sunday 29th September or 6th October. (To be confirmed)



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!

at present, and had asked to check with him before planning a visit. Let's continue to keep them both in our prayers.

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.

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



Pray for Michael as he

# FELLOWSHIP

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 4th september at 8pm. We are studying the book of Judges. Please speak to Paul for further details.

prepares the ministry of the word for this coming Sunday.

### Let us pray for you

Please email your prayer requests to [npbc.pray@gmail.com](mailto:npbc.pray@gmail.com)

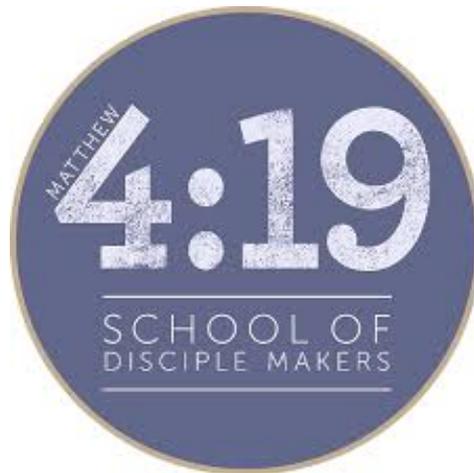
If you have an urgent and important prayer concern, please contact Pastor Michael Lovejoy  
Telephone 020 8632 9225 (Manse)

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

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

PASTOR  
FROM  
MESSAGE

## 'Fishers of People Talk'



### Angling language

This week I took a day off and went sea fishing at Brighton Marina. I telephoned the 'Tackle Box' to reserve two score of 'lug' and 'rag'. The question was to 'feather' or 'ledger'? I was advised to ledger due to recent high winds and cloudy water. The response to what's been caught recently was: 'School' Bass, Macs, Dogs, Pouts and Flatties'. Tackle consisted of: Two rods (12' and 10' pier rods), fixed spool reels loaded with 100 lbs 'braided' trace and 20lbs 'monofil', the 'rigs' we choose were 'Wessex' running ledger and a 'paternoster' with '0/2s' and '0/3s' 'long shanked' barbed hooks. Both rigs proved successful catch fish on the day. 'Float' and 'spinning' tackle were out of the question due to weather conditions. We caught Bass, Flounder, and Dog Fish. The 'priest' method was used to humanely kill fish. Thank 'Cod' for fishing. Smile!

### The Language of Need

I am no specialist in western secular culture but our churches are required to engage with it's language and culture. If the biblical principle to make disciples is to be taken seriously, how can we bridge the chasm between 'church and unchurched culture' and, in our case, 'British urban multi-culture'? We are required to engage with the challenges of modernity in a postmodern age. I have found the way in which the sociologist Tony Walter unmasks today's secular morality, and engages with the language of need in his book: 'Need, the New Religion' most helpful in forming relations with the unchurched. In the past, I have experienced being part of a church plant movement for around 10 years in the UK. Evangelism and church planting in a western secular context is not easy! This has caused me to question the following: Why is the UK spiritually hard ground? The unchurched are not pursuing the church today; the postmodern world considers Christianity as irrelevant to them. The unchurched are more concerned about the now, rather than the hereafter.

### The need for Language (Missional)

In light of these challenges, we need to consider the following: What are the sub-cultures or communities in our context that we currently struggle to reach through existing church and evangelistic endeavours? How could the church better reach them? What would a church service designed to make things more understandable to these sub-cultures and unchurched look like? How do we hold onto the gospel whilst contextualising it? Are we being too theological in our language and expression? How could we implement some

'missional thinking' into an existing set-up? What would it look like to move an existing church towards being a more missionary-minded church? In reflecting on these mission challenges, we are prayerfully hoping to better equip our church to enhance its missional and evangelistic endeavours within a secularised Western context. I may well have focused on these missional endeavours before, however, let's remain focused on the language of contextualisation as found in Matthew 28:16-20.

Love, to you all, in Christ,

Pastor Michael



**THIS MONTH'S MISSION PRAYER FOCUS**

*Transforming Lives*



**THIS MONTH'S MISSION PRAYER FOCUS**  
Revd. David and Revd. Michelle Mahon  
children Jonathan, Ruth and Phoebe

(Mission in Iquitos Peru)

Dear Friends,

After almost three months away we have finally arrived back in Iquitos again. On our final leg of the trip, we began to experience again this unique city. The sights and sounds of this heavily populated city in the jungle, it's hustle and bustle along with the usual smells, really gave us a sense of relief to be back again. Our girls responded to being back, with a roar of noise and singing on the back seat of the car. It's official, were 'home' again.

During our time on Home Assignment, we had the privilege of visiting some of our partner churches. We want to express our gratitude to you all. Your hospitality, understanding and encouragement has made this a time of great enrichment for each of us. Thank You!

As I write the children are settling back into school. We would appreciate your prayers for them as each reconnect with their studies, teachers and friends again.

Prayers especially for Ruth and Phoebe seemed to who have forgotten all their Spanish! Fortunately, the teachers have been very understanding.

Michele and I have already completed our first meeting with staff and Pastor's here in Iquitos. We would appreciate your prayers for the following opportunities.

Back in April, Michele had the opportunity to visit Santo Tomas, a small village on the River Nanay. There is another group of folks seeking baptism and discipleship. Prayers that we can respond to this need once again. For a video clip of Michele describing a little of what it was like click on River Nanay trip.

We will be reconnecting again with association churches. Please pray that our ministry will be effective and our communication clear, whilst we seek to encourage and to celebrate what God is doing here already.

A few of the churches are located over water or in remote locations with little signage. As a result, some of the addresses may not have a street name on google maps! Click here to view.

You can follow David and Michelle's mission journey on their Padding Bear Blog.  
link <https://paddingtonbearblog.wordpress.com/blog/>

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rev.maclovejoy@gmail.com) or by telephone on 020 8632 9225 (Manse)

NB. Visits are by appointment only.

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