

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 29th March 2020
Northolt Park Baptist Church

Bringing the Gospel reality to an online world!

This week's scripture reading Matthew 14:22-36 (NIV)

Jesus Walks on the Water

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

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 would like to use Blizz to live stream our Sunday Services. 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 2 Test sessions before the Sunday Service session. The sessions are 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 one of the screens shown below. Please find for each session, the meeting title, meeting times, meeting web address(url) and meeting ID below:

Session Name: Test Session 1
Date: 27/03/2020 18:00 GMT
Web ULR Address <https://go.blizz.com/join/m43844262>
Meeting ID: m438-442-62

Session Name: Test Session 2
Date: 28/03/2020 16:30 GMT
Web ULR Address <https://go.blizz.com/join/m79164454>
Meeting ID: m791-644-54

Session Name: Sunday Service
Date: 29/03/2020 10:00 GMT
Web URL Address <https://go.blizz.com/join/m38264420>
Meeting ID: m382-644-20

If you do not have a web connected computer or phone, but have a free Weekend 0845 landline package, you can join the meeting by calling the number below at the stated time 0845 034 151 0 and then key in the relevant meeting id (e.g. m438-442-62).

Please email Olu on ofalowo@btinternet.com and copy Michael, if you experience any technical issues. In your email please state the problem you are experiencing and any relevant screenshots. **In addition to this please check your email every few hours** as this will be our only way of sending any late breaking information.

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.

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*)

If anyone has downloaded Blizz, is comfortable using it, and is willing to help others download Blizz, please let Michael know. We hope to have as many people as possible joining our service!

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this. Thanks for your co-operation.

If you are experiencing ICT difficulties please email Olu and cc to Michael.

God Bless
Olu

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

Church building works stopped due to COVID-19

The Church building works start Monday 23rd March. However, on Tuesday I received a telephone call from contractor Paul stating they have been instructed to stop work due to the COVID-19. This has caused disruptions to our building works during these uncertain times. Both JBSR and Daniels have confirmed stopping work until further notice.

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.

In isolation - with interconnection

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 in advance for all your contributions!

PRAYER MATTERS

It is with sadness I report the passing of Joyce Pett's mother Violet. Vi passed Tuesday morning. Vi lived in the Isle of White and travelling would be difficult with the present crisis. Please support Joyce with your prayers and telephone calls during this difficult time. I am planning to hold a memorial service for Vi, at NPBC, when public church service are resumed.

Do pray for Josephine who is unwell. She has had a sore throat and now experiencing temperature. Let's pray for God's healing restoration for Josephine. Continue to pray for our NHS in their advice and medical care if needed in Josephine's situation.

Do continue praying 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.

Janet has kindly put together a list of names within our fellowship to aid communication, fellowship and prayer. Whether we are members of leadership team, church members, friends or visitors to NPBC, let's all continue to pray for the church and one another especially during this difficult time of health concerns and isolation.

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

In times of uncertainty - the best of humanity

These are indeed difficult time. Let's all remain prayerful. It's always wonderful to see how small window of opportunity open in crisis. I've seen hands reach out in reconciliation and fellowship. Hands that make time. A time to reflect, a time of sadness and loss, a time to appreciate one another, a time to serve the community, a time with God. A time to clap our hands in appreciation for our NHS.

The main advice and message from science/health experts is to wash our hands routinely and avoid contact by isolation from others. But let's firmly hold on to the Lord with both hands. Let's always remember we serve a Lord who has strong hands, firm hands but gentle healing hands. I have selected a poem from Hello Poetry called 'Going Viral' by SoulSurviver.

Poem called Going Viral by SoulSurvivør

Stores cleared out, Shelves are barren, If you cough. There's people staring
People staying all alone, Because they're hiding, In their homes
The news is stuck, It don't inspire us, All they speak? Coronavirus!
Yes. It's BAD. A viral lout, If they're at risk, Folks can't go out!
This is what, I need to say, Don't worry about it!, Kneel & pray!
We're going to know, We're going to see, Trouble economically.
Is this IT!?, It could be, friend. The straight beginning. Of the end
But there's one thing, That is clear, We cannot be ruled by fear!!
The best thing anyone can do, Is find the Lord...let It be YOU!

Please do continue to pray for all our fellowship. Olu and worship team as they prepare for the virtual reality service this coming Sunday. My thought and prayers are with you all. Stay safe, and be well. May God protect and keep you all in His tender care.

Love, as always, in Christ,

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