

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th July 2019
Northolt Park Baptist Church



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 Sue Blake is leading the worship service and Revd. Michael Lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the word.

'The Vision for Salvation'

—EPHESIANS 1:1-23,2:1-10—

This week's scripture reading (Ephesians 1:1-23, 2:1-10) NIV

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God. To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my

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Theme: 'The Vision for Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Sue Blake

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: Ephesians 1:1-23, 2:1-10

Scripture Reader: Jenny

Sunday Club: *TBC*

Creche: *TBC*

Greeters: Roy

Teas/Coffees: Lisa

Services in July 2019

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Sunday 14th July

'Family Service'

Theme: The Mission of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Jenny

Music Lead: iSingWorship

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-23, 3:1-21

Scripture Reader: Kristiana

prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Made Alive in Christ

2 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[g] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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

Sunday Club: Family Service
Creche: Family Service
Greeters: Sue
Teas/Coffees: Dennis/Farina

Sunday 21st July

'Communion Service'

Theme: 'The Purpose of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Josephine

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Scripture Reader: Tanner

Servers: Janet/Timi

Sunday Club: TBC

Creche: TBC

Greeters: Letia

Teas/Coffees: Cynthia

Sunday 28th July

'Mission Focus' - Jenny

Theme: '*To Be*

Confirmed'

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Worship Lead: Janet

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: *TBC*

Scripture Reader:

Clement

Sunday Club: TBC

Creche: TBC

Greeters: Pat

Teas/Coffees: Church Lunch

PRAYER MATTERS

Pray for our various ministry works here at

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**
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 - Sue Blake
Music - Dennis
Vocals - Janet
Vocals - Josephine
Vocals - Jenny

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

Do continue to pray for Cynthia's nephew Nico who had recently undergone heart surgery. The operation went well and he's making good recovery with post-operative care. Pray for Cynthia and extended family during this difficult time.

Do continue to pray for Jenny's cousin Dianne who has suffered a stroke. Dianne is in ICU and remains unconscious with very little response to stimuli. Do pray for her ongoing hospital treatment. This is a very difficult time for the entire family. Pray for Dianne's husband, four children and church during this difficult time. Dianne's husband Revd. Lewin Mayers is a Wesleyan Methodist minister (Superintendent of Trinidad and Tobago)

 **THIS WEEK'S NEWS**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE @ NPBC



Do continue prayer for all our baptism candidates:

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 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 new works.

Bible Study

TUESDAY MORNING @ NPBC

Tanner, Kristiana , Jacqueline and Dolu who are preparing for baptism and church membership. Pray also for Jacqueline as she and others prayerfully undertake a beginner's bible class.



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

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.

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 (Manse)

Our next Bible study is on Tuesday 9th July
at 10 am. Our studies will be in the book of Job.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Get more information on
forthcoming activities at
NPBC on the church
website
www.npbc.uk.com



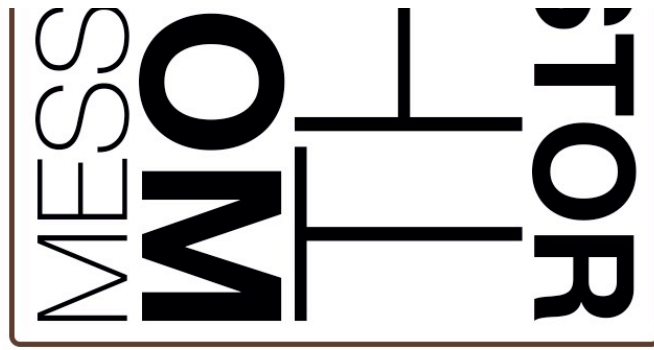
The next meeting will be held on 4th September
1.45pm. We are taking a break over the summer
holidays. Have a wonderful summer break
everyone.

'BREAD FOR LIFE'

Alternative Wednesdays @8pm

The next 'Bread for Life' meeting will be on Wednesday
17th July at 8pm. We are studying the book of Judges
chapter 2. Please speak to Paul for further details.





Thinking Church and Missional Vision?

Is it a biblical imperative to have churches? Missio Dei is a Latin theological term that can be translated as "Mission of God". It refers to the work of the church as being an integral part of God's work. Missio Dei in the Old Testament is instrumental in Israel's prophetic and kingship ministries. It reflected the relationship between the Kingdom of God and Kingship of God. Missio Dei as Son is incarnational. The Christological relationship is Christ as fully divine and fully human. Therefore, humanity is able to identify with Christ relationally and contextually; we are in Christ individually and communally as a church. Missio Dei as Spirit is very evident in Acts through the gifts of the Spirit and through the more recent charismatic movement. Missio Dei as Trinity brings unity not uniformity. There is a de-differentiation and de-centralisation expressed to allow a more social community teamwork missional model. However, it's about Missio Dei, it is not individual or church centred missional vision.

Biblical mandate for Church

The biblical imperative for church dates back to the Gospel writers and the Day of Pentecost. However, the goal of redemption is God indwelling with his people and is reflected throughout the Bible. The New Testament imperative firstly demonstrates God's love for the lost (John 3:16). It obeys Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). The "Great Commission" does not end with evangelism. That is only the beginning. The "Great Commission" involves discipleship that includes the responsibility of every Christian to help their fellow Christians to grow in their faith, in Christ, and in their understanding of His Word. So the "Great Commission" I would argue, also entails both planting and maintaining churches. (1 Corinthians 12:13.) The Biblical principle which asks: 'Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? (Acts 2:8) must be based on the Holy Spirit's empowerment if the gospel was going to break down social barriers and create a new, worldwide, multicultural, multilingual people. 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:28-29) God 'bridged cultures' without eroding their differences. This biblical principle has significantly shaped cross-cultural missionary effort and Biblical translation work.

Missional Challenges

In light of these challenges, my missional theology continues to engage me in considering the following: What are the sub-cultures or communities in our context that I 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

understandable to these sub-cultures and unchurched look like? How do we hold onto the gospel whilst contextualising it? How could I 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 ministry challenges, I hope to better equip NPBC to enhance its missional and evangelistic endeavours especially within our multicultural, multi-faith, secularised urban context.

In Closing

The Great Commission is God's missional plan for building His church not ours. Matthew 16:18 *'And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.'* The church foundation stone is Christ and faith in Christ are its building block. However, church and the Kingdom of God are in the now, and the not yet eschatological hope. When considering how we do mission and how we do church, I believe the church and God's Kingdom are connected in both mission and communion. A model where the Kingdom of God shapes the church is foundational in building a church that shapes missional practice. The challenges of maintaining existing churches and church growth is real, however, we must not allow the world to shape the Kingdom, but use a model where the ministry of the word and the Kingdom of God shapes our world. Church history continues, from the Early Church with Jesus and His disciples, to now the present postmodern church age to the eschatology final act of a New Heaven and a New Earth being established. We all have a part in maintaining church and continually building church. We are, however, co-workers with Christ on the building project. May God bless our efforts in His service.

Love to you all in Christ always,

Pastor Michael



WEC INTERNATIONAL

David and Magie Whitehorn

THIS MONTH'S MISSION PRAYER FOCUS

David and Margie were very touched by how many responded to the urgent prayer request for Malcolm, the WEC UK Director designate. The health situation is not resolved, their request is for continued prayers for Malcolm.

Some shared experiences and prayer requests:

'We enjoyed taking part in the Nigerian missions conference and were very touched by their gracious welcome. A few individuals wanted to know 'what next' because they felt that God was clearly calling them into a cross-cultural ministry, which is very encouraging.'

'This letter has been waiting just in case we had news of our second grandchild, but nothing yet so I thought I would get something written anyway! Ruth would love folk to pray that the baby comes soon! Otherwise the family are doing well.'

'Our dates for this year have been fluctuating a bit; some are clear, but others are still rather up in the air. We are trusting that we remain sensitive to God's Spirit for His direction. We definitely have some changes in our responsibilities.'

'One activity we have committed ourselves to, which has nothing directly to do with Africa, but maybe indirectly, is to help at one of the WEC summer young peoples' camps. We are committed to the second week for the teens, (Aug 3-10): Margie in the kitchen and David helping with lots of things!'

'We have also been asked to share on Mission at one evening meeting. However there is real need for more adult helpers and also for campers. Please do let this be known in your churches and groups. Following that we will be helping with the orientation of a couple due to go to BCS (the WEC school in Senegal)'

Praise

- time at the Nigerian conference
- opportunities of friendship with M people in this city
- time with family and friends

Prayer

- Malcolm's second operation and need for healing
- working on our programme!

- More helpers and campers for WEC Camps
- Olelo's family in Empada as they grieve and adjust to life without him
- Ruth, Mark and Harvey preparing for the birth of their second child, any day now. Esther is on call....
- We would love more workers for Mozambique and for the peoples of the Horn of Africa

* Please see mission prayer board for further information and prayer requests.

Missions/Charities we support at NPBC

- Spurgeon's Children's Charity
- Baptist Home Mission Fund
- Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ (WEC International) -David and Margie Whitehorn.
- 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.*



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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