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# NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

'To Know Christ and Make Him Known'

## NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 9th MAY 2021**

### **FAMILY SERVICE**

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. Rev. Michael Lovejoy is our speaker and Hazel Gordon will be leading us in a time of prayer and worship.



We are open for public gatherings and acts of worship. Social distancing and face coverings will be maintained. We are reminded to follow and uphold our risk assessment policies. Service starts at 10.30am.

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## This week's scripture readings

Matthew 5:7 & 1 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV)

**Theme:** 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.'

### The Living Stone and a Chosen People

4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame.”

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.





Olu has kindly offered to continue supporting us by live streaming our Sunday services using Teamviewer. Please see, below his message relating to live streaming our service for this coming Sunday.

If you haven't already, please download the Teamviewer video instructions at [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgbMp-T9wQyci-k7tHM45Hg\\_jo9l2Q?e=8zIPCi](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 1 Test session (mainly for first time users) before the Sunday Service session. The session is to ensure that everyone is familiar with Teamviewer, 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 something similar to one of the screens we had last week.

<b>Session Name:</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>09/05/2021 at 10:30am</b>
<b>Web Address (url):</b>	<a href="https://go.blizz.com/join/m38264420">https://go.blizz.com/join/m38264420</a>
<b>Meeting ID:</b>	<b>m382-644-20</b>

To join by landline, please dial 0845 034 151 0 and then key in the relevant meeting id. The meeting id for the Sunday Service is 38264420. The Sunday service, at NPBC, starts at 10.30 am, however, please logon at 10.15 am. This will give some time to get logged in before we start service. If you do not have a web-connected computer or mobile smartphone, but have a free Weekend 0845 landline package, you can join the meeting by calling the number already mentioned at the stated time and then key in the relevant meeting id (e.g. m382-644-20). Please note 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.

If anyone has downloaded Teamviewer, is comfortable using it, and is willing to help others download Blizz, please do support one another. We hope to have as many people as possible joining our service! Please continue to check your email every few hours as this will be our only way of sending any late-breaking information.



**The services below are all being held at NPBC**

**Sunday 2nd MAY**

Theme: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"

Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: Matthew 5:6 and Isaiah 55:1-6 (NIV)

**Sunday 9th MAY**

FAMILY SERVICE

Theme: 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy'

Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy

Scripture: Matthew 5:7 and 1 Peter 2:4-10 (NIV)

**Sunday 16TH MAY**

COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God'

Speaker: Rebekah Rego

Scriptures: *TBC* (NIV)

**Sunday 23rd MAY**

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: 'Pentecost Sunday' (God – the Holy Spirit)

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Scripture: *TBC* (NIV)

**Sunday 30th MAY**

Theme: 'Trinity Sunday - All Three are One'

Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy

Scripture: *TBC* (NIV)

**SPIRIT EMPOWERED MINISTRY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN!**

The following Sunday, 9th May, Rebekah Rego will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Rebekah as she prepares to minister to us with the aid of the Holy spirit.



**So what makes a good sermon?**

Janet was pleasantly surprised to hear an interview with Rev. Antony Billington on Premier Christian Radio, and she thought that it was really good. She has requested the link below be included to listen to Premier Christian Radio back services.

<https://www.premierchristianradio.com/Shows/W>

[eekday/Faith-Hope-and-Love-with-Chick-Yuill/Interviews/So-what-makes-a-good-sermon](#)

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Dear Supporters,

We would like to thank you for the generosity over the last month. We've received 23 tonnes of food in donations and given out 20 tonnes in 30 days. We have fed a total of 2242 people during this time period, which is almost 100% increase on April 2019.

Please find attached our May Shopping List. Please refer to our website for where to make donations and on what days via the link below:

<https://ealing.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Thank you once again for the ongoing support.

Kindest regards,

Ealing Foodbank Team

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**May Shopping List**

- Vegetable Curry/Chilli - *tins*
- Macaroni Cheese / Cheese Ravioli in Tomato Sauce – *tins*
- Fray Bentos Tinned Pies - *Cheese & Onion / Vegetable Balti*
- Tinned Meat – *beef, lamb, chicken, ham*
- Rice Pudding & Custard (*Ready Made*)
- Peanut Butter
- Instant Coffee
- Shower Gel / Hand Wash / Bars of Soap
- Size 6 Nappies

**Thank you!**

**Keep up to date with @EalingFoodbank on**



"WEC International takes the good news to the peoples and nations who have yet to hear it: the good news that Christ came to bring forgiveness of sins and peace with God, and to displace hatred with love."

<https://www.wecinternational.org/index.php>

This month's mission prayer focus is on WEC International (Africa Area District) Our Mission Coordinator, Jenny Lovejoy will be praying for David and Margie Whitehorn and their work with WEC International.

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# PRAYER MATTERS

Elijah has arrived! Congratulations to Tanner and Kristiana on the birth of their son Elijah on Sunday 2nd May 2021. Mother and baby are doing well. Abbie has a baby brother. Smile! Tanner's on paternity leave until 31st May. We thank God for a safe delivery and wish this young family every blessing.

Congratulations to Rebekah Rego on her selection by the, London Baptists (LB), Ministry Recognition Committee (MRC) to formally enter ministry formation as a Baptist Union (BU) Minister in Training (MIT). We will continue to hold her in our prayers and give thanks as Becky prepares to fulfil the Lord's call to pastoral care and service. Bravo!

Pray for all our ministers, pastors and preachers. "The London Baptists recognised 30 people as fully accredited ministers, nationally recognised pastors and preachers. These are the folk who would be usually receiving the 'handshake' at Baptist Assembly; either this year or last year. As last year was cancelled and this year is online, we have put together this video <https://londonbaptist.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5f161410f1fec132fa907ee16&id=d962c82128&e=47fc869426> for the Assembly website. The LB team encourages you to view the video and pray for all those involved. It is great to see such a diverse and dynamic group of people serving our churches!"

Do continue praying for those in our number who are bereaved, going through difficulty, who are unwell, or we 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.

There are so many other needs we can bring before the Lord: unemployment, educational, financial, emotional, mental health, social needs, relationship breakdowns...etc. Let's take them all before God. Let's learn to let go and let God deal with it through prayer and faith in the Lord.

## **LET US PRAY FOR YOU!**

Please email your prayer requests to [npsc.pray@gmail.com](mailto:npsc.pray@gmail.com) If you have

an urgent and essential 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)

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Being missional minded is Biblical. There is considerable emphasis on being a 'missional church' these days. Is this just another modern image for churches ? Or is there something central to the missional label? What does it mean to be a missional church? How might we live our lives as "missional" people? Does our church see itself as sent by God to do His kingdom work in your community? Do you think of our church in this manner? How might churches become less self-centred and more committed to reaching their neighbours with the Gospel?

Let me begin with a question. What is culture? Culture is the characteristics of specific groups of people, defined by ethnicity, nationality, language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music, and arts, such as popular culture, youth culture, drug culture, urban culture, gang culture etc. Generally, you can define your own culture by seeing if you fall within a group that shares ideas, beliefs values, traditions and goals. The people that you feel at home with are typically your culture. In reality, we all belong to many sub-cultures: our parents, peers, partners, and neighbours; those with whom we worship, work and vote; our media market and socioeconomic class. At any time, one of our cultural identities may be more salient or influence our behaviour more directly.

In his book 'Liquid Church', Pete Ward gives a health warning describing his vision as an act of 'theological imagination'. Liquid Church argues that the church as we know it has several problems, which include the church's ability to be an effective agent for mission in cultural settings. 'We need a new reformation to renew and refresh our church if it is to be faithful to its purpose' The idea of informal meetings where Christ is communicated is church. Likewise. formal church or fellowship indicates a more structured.

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static, and traditional notion of church – solid church. Liquid Church is to take the informal fellowship, in which we share and experience Christ and say this is the church. Many are not ready to share fellowship and worship within a formal place of worship, and the 'Liquid Church' options: of the open-air church, house groups, coffee bars or pubs are real options. The heart of which must be Gospel. Evidence of strategic missional thinking will need to be considered in reaching young adults, and our philosophy of ministry will need to reflect this position.

Biblically, the church exists in history for the sake of God's global mission. A holistic mission is a mission concerned about the whole scope of human need that includes a social gospel, in considering mission which is also Gospel-driven – what God has done in Christ to save the world. It is embedded in Micah's Challenge, based on Micah 6:8, which reiterate that the Lord requires Christians to do justice, love kindness and mercy, and walk in humility with God. I believe the Christian mission embraces both the proclamation and practical outworking of the Gospel.

Blessing, in Christ, to you all,

Pastor Michael

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# Safe to Belong

We take safeguarding very seriously. Northolt Park Baptist Church has clear policies and procedures to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk. A designated Safeguarding Lead provides support to carry out safeguarding policies. All concerns are reported and, where necessary, referred to external agencies and police.

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