

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st July 2019
Northolt Park Baptist Church

Northolt **P**ark **B**aptist **C**hurch

To Know Christ and Make Christ Known



“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”
(Desmond Tutu)

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This week Josephine Morris is leading the worship service and Revd. Michael Lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the word.



This week's scripture reading (Ephesians 4:1-16) NIV

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. 8 This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

This Sunday 21st July

'Communion Service'

Theme: The Purpose of Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Josephine

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

Scripture Reader: Tanner

Sunday Club:

Creche:

Greeters: Letia

Teas/Coffees: Cynthia

Services in July 2019

Sunday 7th July

Theme: '*Vision for Salvation*'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Sue

Music Lead: Dennis

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

Scripture Reader: Jenny

Sunday Club: TBC

Creche: TBC

Greeters: Roy

Teas/Coffees: Lisa

Sunday 14th July

'Family Service'

Theme: The Mission for Salvation'

Speaker: Michael Lovejoy

Worship Lead: Jenny

9 (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10 He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

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.

Worship Lead: Jenny
Music Lead: iSingWorship
Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-23, 3:1-:21
Scripture Reader:
Kristiana
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:

Creche:

Greeters: Letia

Teas/Coffees: Cynthia

Sunday 28th July

'Mission Focus' - Jenny

Theme: 'The Gift

Speaking in Tongues'

Speaker: Martin

Hopwood

Worship Lead: Janet

Music Lead: Dennis

Scripture: (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

Scripture Reader: Paul

Sunday Club: TBC

Creche: TBC

Greeters: Pat

Teas/Coffees: Church Lunch

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 - Josephine Morris
Music - Dennis
Vocals - Janet
Vocals - Josephine
Vocals - Jenny

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE @ NPBC

BAPTISM-MEMBERSHIP

(ACTS 2:41-42)

PRAYER MATTERS

Margaret was admitted at Northwick Park Hospital with chest pains. She was diagnosed with chest infection (pneumonia) and is being treated accordingly. She is in Hardy Ward (Level 8). Pray Margaret continues to responding to treatment. Pray also for Stan and extended family during this difficult time.

Pray for Pat who recently had gallstones removed. Pray she will continue to heal and for her speedy recovery.

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.

Congratulations to Martyn on passing the 2nd year of his Biochemistry BSc Degree at Colchester University. Prayers of praise and thanks to God.



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.



After the study on 23rd July.
We will be on summer holiday
THE NEXT MEETING
3rd September 2019 at 10.00am
Continuing our studies in the book of Job
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pray for all our children and young adults during their summer break. Pray they remain safe while they enjoy their time with family and friends. Pray also for teachers and staff as they take a well deserved rest.

Pray for our various 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 prayer for all our baptism candidates: Tanner, Kristiana, Jacqueline, Dolu, Precious and Alisa who are preparing for baptism and church membership.



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

FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY @ 1.45PM

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 24th July at 8pm. We are studying the book of Judges chapter 3. Please speak to Paul for further details.

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)

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

www.npbc.uk.com

PASTOR
FROM
THE
MESSAGE



Let me begin with a poem from HelloPoetry.

[Hello, Anxiety Speaking - by Robin Lemmen](#)

'On days like this, I just feel heavy. Does the earth walk on me or do I wonder her grounds?

On days like this, I don't know if my anxiety is real or I use it to dismiss myself. Maybe deep down I am just sad, lost and different shades of black and sunken soil.

On days like this, everything weighs heavy and the sky presses down on me. Whispers in my ear; this is all you deserve. I know the heavens cry for me. Hoping to wash me away but I am defiant. So I decide to stay.

On days like this, I think my anxious mind bleeds together with a broken heart. They form something new and dangerous altogether. Leaving me in shambles on the floor.

On days like this, there is no use in trying. It surely won't matter. I am just a mistake. I wallow and swallow. Maybe tomorrow I can befriend my wondering thoughts instead of letting them break me apart.'

[Anxiety and Peace - Reflections from Philippians](#)

Philippians 4:6-7(NIV)

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[God's peace is His answer for anxiety.](#)

God's peace is more powerful than anxiety, fear or worry. His peace will defeat any foe that tries to attack your body, heart and mind. When we walk in peace with God. 'No weapon formed against you will prosper'. Never turn away from God's peace. Yield and surrender your heart and mind to His peace. Say, "Yes, Lord, I receive Your peace." You may not fully understand why certain things are happening in your mind and life. But God's peace transcends your understanding. God's peace is the same peace that Jesus said He would give to you. It's a peace that the world cannot give you. God's peace belongs to you because you belong to Him.

Anxiety – Don't carry it, walk with it, live with it, entertain it, support it or encourage it - not now or ever. Instead of being anxious about something, you can begin to pray about everything. Regardless of your circumstances. Let's never forget to mix your prayers with thankfulness. May the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guard 'your' heart and 'your' mind in Christ Jesus.

Love to you all in Christ always,

Pastor Michael

FOCUS MISSIONS



THIS MONTH'S MISSION PRAYER FOCUS

SPURGEONS CHILDREN'S CHARITY NO CHILD SHOULD FACE LIFE'S STRUGGLES ALONE

At Spurgeons, we believe every child deserves the opportunity of living a happy and hope-filled life: that no child should face abuse, neglect or uncertainty.

Through the delivery of support and intervention services, and by speaking up on behalf of those who need us most, we give vulnerable children and families the chance for a better future. Over the last year, we made a real difference to the lives of almost 3,000 children, young people and adults, and protected 1200 from neglect, harm and abuse.

OUR MISSION

Inspired by our Christian faith, our mission is to improve the lives of families and children who are struggling to cope and give every child the opportunity of a hope-filled life.

The faith that inspires this mission is derived from Jesus' identity, teaching and mission. We follow His command to love our neighbour, look out for vulnerable people, and speak out for those marginalised. The Christian faith is not naive in understanding that we all fall

short of the life Jesus modelled and taught. We all need support or help in meeting our physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

WHAT WE DO

We work with families, support young carers, self harm counselling, girls in gangs, working with dads, criminal justice... Ross Hendry is the CEO. Prayers for all these ongoing Spurgeon's Children's Charity projects would be wonderful.

<https://www.spurgeons.org/our-services/>

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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