

# NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

'To Know Christ and Make Him Known'

## NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 25th APRIL 2021**

### MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. Dr. Annette Glaw is our speaker and she will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Jenny Lovejoy will be leading us in a time of prayer and worship. Jenny will also be praying for David and Margie Whitehorn and their work with WEC International.



The Minister and Deacons met on Thursday 25th March and agreed to reopen NPBC 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 5:5 & Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

**Theme:** 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.'

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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**Speaker**  
**Dr. Annette Glaw**

**Scriptures:** Matthew 5:5  
Colossians 312-17

**Worship Lead:**  
**Jennifer Lovejoy**



## April Shopping List

- UHT Milk – *Semi Skimmed or Full Fat, **not** Skimmed*
- Long Life Fruit Juice & Squash
- Tinned Fish
- Savoury & Sweet Biscuits
- Instant Coffee
- Ready Made Custard – *tins or cartons*
- Vegetarian Chilli & Curry
- Drinking Chocolate
- Cooking Oil – *250ml/500ml/1litre*
- Sanitary Towels – *not tampons or panty liners*
- Shaving Foam & Razors

**Thank you!**

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





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.

**Session Name:** Sunday Service  
**Date:** 25/04/2021 at 10:30am  
**Web Address (url):** <https://go.blizz.com/join/m38264420>  
**Meeting ID:** m382-644-20

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 online service 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

Willing to help others download files, 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.



"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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Preaching rota

Friday 2nd April

Theme: Good Friday Context

Theme: Good Friday Service

Pre-recorded online service link: <https://we.tl/t-1LGCoVLbQP>

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

### **Sunday 4th April (Easter Sunday)**

Theme: 'The Gospel of Grace'

Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: 2 Timothy 1 :6-14 (NIV)

### **Sunday 11th April**

FAMILY SERVICE

Theme: 'Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven'

Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

### **Sunday 18th April**

COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Scriptures: Matthew 5:4 & Luke 24:13-27 (NIV)

### **Sunday 25th April**

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth"

Speaker: Dr. Annette Glaw

Scripture: Matthew 5:5 & Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

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

The following Sunday, 2nd May, Michael lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Michael as he prepares to minister to us with the aid of the Holy spirit.

**P** PRAYER MATTER **S**

It is with sadness to announce the passing of Irving Bowen. Irving passed peacefully on Monday 19th April at 7.40am. We, at NPBC, would like to express our sincerest condolences to Hazel and their entire extended family. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

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 [npbc.pray@gmail.com](mailto:npbc.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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### **Life After Death**

I recently revisited a book entitled 'Life After Death' – A Christian response to grief, by Nigel Copsey. Reading about the loss of Nigel's wife Kathryn, has evoked several emotions from my past and present experiences. Nigel, in his introduction, made clear Kathryn received a malignant brain tumour diagnosis, and she received both chemotherapy and radiotherapy. The book was about the post-diagnosis journey for both Nigel and

Kathryn. In his book, Nigel writes: ' I have spent many hours over the last thirty years, with those who are grieving. I have always thought that I understand their pain. I now realise I was nowhere near that death of loss. I was able to connect with them at the time of death to a certain level but did not realise that two months later, I needed to attempt to continue to join them in their darkest times.' Nigel's wife Kathryn passed in September 2011.

### **'Don't talk about it.'**

In his book, Nigel refers to the uniqueness of grief for each individual. The essence of grief is connected to a person's unique story. Nigel spends a whole section on communication entitled 'don't talk about it'. He concludes by saying, 'The Christian response should be one of sacrificial love. Because it can be challenging to reach out to a grieving person, we need to do so even if we don't know what to say. You are in my thought and prayers is a beautiful sentiment; however, how do they know you're thinking or praying for them if they are not reminded from time to time.

### **The Empty Bed**

In his closing sections of this book, Nigel refers to the phrase 'The empty bed'. This refers to several areas of life: The empty table at home, the empty home, the empty life, and the empty devotion. The Christian response ensures the bereaved person is not left alone for any length of time. The contact time needs to be a proactive effort on our part in support of the person.

### **The Christian response**

The Christian response is to recognise that this inner world exists and be willing to stand alongside those on this journey to no longer feel utterly alone in the foreign land (emotionally or spiritually). Nigel goes on to support bereavement with Old Testament scripture found in Jeremiah 29:1-9. Nigel writes: 'Christian response is supporting those in the land of exile is to make it an intention to join with them in that place and be alongside them. If you are going through the pain, seek a soul friend who can join you on the journey as you wait for restoration.' Restoration has a purpose: a return to the heart of faith, worship and inner healing. The Christian is to be alongside some going through the process of healing for as long as it takes. In this notion of continuing support, I believe in supporting memorial services for bereaved families.

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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