

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Regrettable the following notice was posted at our Church door: '**CHURCH CLOSURE**' – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Government, more recently, announced reopening of churches for public worship to recommence. Deacons are meeting weekly and are in the process of forming risk assessments and preparing the safe return to public worship. There's a considerable amount of work relating to safety of building services, and implementing government legislation that establishes wellbeing, protection security and welfare of people gathering for public worship. Do pray for our leadership team as they gather to work to this end. Much to be undertaken and implemented before we can reopen. We will continue live-streaming our Sunday services until further notice. Thank you all for your prayers and patience, in this endeavour to open safely. Rev. Michael Lovejoy



OUR VISION IS...
KNOW CHRIST
AND MAKE HIM **KNOWN**

NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2020
Northolt Park Baptist Church

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This coming Sunday we are planning to present an online service. Dr. Annette Glaw will be live-streaming her sermon and Sue Blake will lead us in a time of prayer and worship. You are all welcome to join us, live online, as we worship and fellowship this coming Sunday.

This week's scripture reading is taken from Ephesians 3: 14-21 (NIV)
'Spiritual Maturity in Surrendering to Love'

Scripture Focus Ephesians 3: 16-19 (NIV)

'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.'

Good news! Our church building works that began on Tuesday 26th May is now completed. Members of the leadership team made a third site inspection on Friday 10th July. Roofing contractors have now completed roofing works and additional schedule of works. This completion date has helped support our return to public worship pending our risk assessments, and government covid recommendations being in place before our regular activities/services can resume. The church will remain closed until further notice.

DEACON'E MEETING

The next meeting is Thursday 6th August at 8pm. We are planning to hold weekly Deacon's meetings in readiness to reopen. However, guidance from London Baptist Association (LBA), Baptist Union of Great Britain (BUGB) and Government legislation for reopening places of worship needs to be implemented, as applicable, at NPBC. Please pray for our leadership team.

Livestreaming and Online Matters

In light of current circumstances and our inability to meet in person, we are using Blizz to live stream our Sunday Services. It was great seeing some of the congregation this past Sunday, to worship together. If you haven't, 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).

Session Name: Sunday Service
Date: **02/07/2020 10:30am**
Web URL Address: <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 10.30am, however, please logon at 10.15am. This will give some time for everyone to get logged in before we start service. If you do not have a web connected computer or mobile smart phone, 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.

This month's Mission – Bulgaria (Pastor Deyan)

Dear brothers and sisters from Northolt Park Baptist Church, we are thankful for our partnership in God's kingdom. The past months were so challenging for us in Haskovo. The church continues helping Vangel and his daughter and Valka and her family to keep some normal standard of life. Hristo had some difficulties in staying at the Christian commune center for addicted but praise the Lord he decided not to leave it and to seek Christ there. God opened wonderful gates before us as my sister's family moved in Haskovo so we can live together and help each other, especially with there child's decease.... See email attachment for further information and pray requests.



The July – September 2020 preaching and worship rotas is published has been emailed. The Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity'

SERVICES IN AUGUST 2020

Sunday 2nd August

Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity - in Surrendering to Love'
Speaker: Dr. Annette Glaw
Scriptures: Ephesians 3:14-21

Sunday 9th August

FAMILY SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity - in a godly Home'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scripture: Colossians 3:18-21

Sunday 16th August

COMMUNION SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity - in Heart'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:6-21

Sunday 23rd August

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity - in love with Scripture'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Sunday 30th August

Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity in....' *TBC*
Speaker: Olu Falowo
Scriptures: *TBC*

ALL CHURCH EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP
BREAD FOR LIFE
ALPHA COURSE

ON-LINE WORSHIP

Worship Lead – Sue Blake

Music - iSing/Utube

Bible Reading – Ephesians 3: 14-21 (NIV)

Sermon – Dr. Annette Glaw

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Church is dependent on your generous giving. 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

PRAYER MATTERS (Continued)

Let's continue to pray for Roy and Hazel's and their extended families Their great-grandson, Lamar, passed away. His death is a shock to the entire family. He was only 20 years old. Our sincere condolences and prayers go to Roy, Hazel and their extended family during this difficult time.

Recently, we were saddened to hear the passing of Martin's sister, in Jamaica. Martin has planned to attend his sister's funeral in Jamaica. Continue to pray for Martin and extended family during this difficult time.

Do continue your prayers for Tanner's mother, Deborah. She also lives in the USA. Pray she will make a full recovery. Pray also for Tanner's elderly dad and his brother in their needs and support during this difficult time.

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.

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 all through prayer and faith in the Lord.

Whether we are members of the leadership team, church members, friends or visitors to NPBC, let's all continue to contact each other, pray for our churches and one another especially during these difficult time with health concerns and feelings of isolation.

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MINISTRY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN!

The following Sunday 9th August, Pastor Michael will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Michael as he prepares to minister to us especially during these uncertain times.

PRAYER MATTERS

Let's continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved recently: Remember Roy and Hazel Martin, Joyce, Jean, Margaret G, Val, Josephine, The Sharman family and others known to you.

Do continue to pray for Margaret Carey she is unwell with recurrent chest infection. Pray she recovers and gains strength quickly.

Do also continue to pray for James. He has special needs and recovering from his seizure. Pray for Alfred, Jean and extended family in their needs and support of James' recovery.

Please continue your prays for Mahood (Jacob's dad), Mahood's wife (Mandana) and daughter (Mehrnoosh). Mahood is still trying to make contact with his family not knowing their whereabouts. Pray for their entire family, pray the Lord will keep them all safe, during this COVID pandemic and lockdown.

Pray for those in our number who are nationally and internationally separated. Pray for Letia, Timi and Joke, Clement and Bola, Maryham and others you may know.

Continue to pray for Roy's brother in his sickness. Pray for his extended family as they support his care.

Continue to pray for Alisa's mum. She had major surgery. Pray she will continue to heal and gain her strength and be restored to full health.

Continue to pray for Olu's brother Femi, We are trusting God for Femi's continued healing and full recovery.

LET US PRAY FOR YOU

If you have an urgent and important prayer concern, please contact Pastor Michael Lovejoy.

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Our website www.npbc.uk.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The new norm for Church

We've been doing Church without walls for several months to date. What will worship look like under current restrictions? The Salvation Army City Community Church has recently posted a Youtube. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utBc3EGVMhU> The video frames the act of gathering for worship in an undesirable light. Is this sadly the face and reality of public worship under present government guidelines? However, the Health and Safety of all concerned, at NPBC, is our priority.

I will shortly be emailing/posting a post-lockdown survey/questionnaire in two parts. 1. Personal experiences in lockdown, 2. Church post-lockdown measures. Hopefully, the lockdown questionnaire will help us with getting feedback/opinions/choices with going forward with our preparations for gathering together in our covid nation and world. The deacons, and I, are carrying out the required risk assessments to enable us to do so safely. To help us, as we consider how we might emerge from lockdown, and help shape the next few months, we would appreciate your feedback and thoughts before we conduct our next member's meeting.

Do continue your prayers for our leadership team as we gather, weekly, in planning for a safe return to public worship. In the meanwhile, be assured of my prayers for your continued safety and spiritual wellbeing.

Blessings to you all, in Christ, as always,

Pastor Michael

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