

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Regrettably the following notice was posted at our Church door: '**CHURCH CLOSURE**' – Coronavirus (COVID-19)
In the light of the Coronavirus pandemic, and acting on strong advice from the Baptist Union UK, I have decided to suspend all church activities, including Sunday morning services until further notice, with immediate effect.' Naturally, this isn't a course of action that has been taken lightly, but it is imperative in order to protect our elderly, medically vulnerable and local community and act responsibly in the current climate. Contact Pastor Michael for prayer

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

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Sunday 3rd May 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 Hazel Gordon will lead us in a time of prayer and worship. You are all welcome to join our worship and fellowship online this coming Sunday.

This week's scripture reading Luke 2:25-33

'Jesus – Our Salvation'

Scripture Focus verses Luke 2:29-32

29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.
30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."

Livestreaming and Online Matters

Olu has kindly offered to support us with his Information Communication Technology (ICT) experience during these uncertain times. Please see, below his message relating to live streaming our service for this coming Sunday.

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=8zlPCi 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 Blizz, 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:	03/04/2020 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 10.30am, 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.

WEC – Mission Prayer Focus for this Month

Want to read more? Please see the online version of David and Margie's mission newsletter. Let's remain prayerful for both David and Margie's safety and protection during this global COVID-19 pandemic.

ALL PUBLIC SERVICES ARE CANCELLED

SERVICES IN MAY 2020

Sunday 3rd May

Theme: 'Jesus' - Universal Salvation'

Speaker: Dr Annette Glaw

Scriptures: Luke 2:25-33)

Sunday 10th May

FAMILY SERVICE

Theme: Jesus' Mission Statement'

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30

Sunday 17th May

COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus – Eternal Life'

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: John 20:30-31

Sunday 24th May

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus – The Way, Truth and Light

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Scriptures: (TBC)

Sunday 31th May

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost Sunday)

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: Acts (TBC)

ALL CHURCH EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP
BREAD FOR LIFE
ALPHA COURSE

Church works stopped due to COVID-19

Both JBSR and Daniels have confirmed stopping work until further notice. We had a building fund box in church for donations. However, due to COVID-19 and Sunday service gatherings being suspended until further notice. An alternative opportunity, to donate, would be to either save the donation and present it on our return to normal Sunday service gatherings or pay directly into our Church Barclays' account, No: 70317500, Bank Code 20-38-83. Thank you!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

While we are on the subject of Church building donations, our giving unto the Lord in the form of our tithes and offering are not to be neglected. The Church is dependent on your generous giving. Again, 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

isolated – But Interconnected

We are looking for your stories, poems, reflections. prayers...etc, to encourage others who maybe feeling isolated and lonely missing the fellowship of our church and family community. Please send in your contributions to our Pastor at rev.maclovejoy@gmail.com Thanks for all your contributions!

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MINISTRY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN!

The following Sunday 3RD May, Dr. Annette Glaw will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Annette as she prepares to minister to us especially during these uncertain times.

PRAYER MATTERS!

Do continue your prayers for Tanner's mother Deborah. She also lives in the USA. She had recently undergone a knee replacement but has developed a post-operative infection. Pray she will make a full recovery. Pray also for Tanner's elderly dad and his brother in support during this difficult time.

Joyce Pett lost her mother recently. Do please continue to support Joyce with your prayers and telephone calls. I am planning to hold a 'Celebration of Life' Memorial Service for her mother Violet (Vi) when public church service is resumed.

Do continue to pray for Margaret Carey as she recovers and gains strength after her recent hospital visit. Pray she will continue to gain her strength and recover fully.

PRAYER MATTERS

Pray for James who recently suffered a grand-mal seizure and stopped breathing. CPR was given and emergency services were called. James was stabilised and sent home to recover and gain his strength. James has special needs. Pray for Alfred, Jean and extended family in support of James' needs.

Val's brother Lesley West passed last week. Pray for Val and her extended family during this difficult time. The funeral took place in Yarmouth on Friday 1st May.

Pray for Elizabeth Sharman who passed away last week. She was a member of our local Methodist Church. Elizabeth was known to many at our church fellowship. Do pray for the extended family during this difficult time.

Pray for Alisa's mum. She, more recently, had major surgery and is recovering well. Pray she will continue to heal and gain her strength and be restored to health.

Pray for Olu's brother Femi, who lives in Atlanta Georgia USA. He contracted the COVID-19 virus and had difficulty with breathing. Femi is making a good recovery. We are trusting God for Femi's continued healing and full recovery back to health.

Continue praying for Paul Simpson who has been feeling unwell showing COVID type symptoms for the past few weeks. Pray for his very low energy levels and for his persistent chesty cough will improve and his health will be restored.

LET US PRAY FOR YOU

If you have an urgent and important prayer concern, please contact Pastor Michael Lovejoy. Telephone 020 8632 9225 (Manse) Our website www.npbc.uk.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Prayer Focus

Let me begin with scripture, 'if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land.' (2 Chronicles 7:14).

John Bunyan said: "When you pray, it would be better to let your heart be without words than to let your words be without heart." Charles Spurgeon said: "The prayer of the heart is the heart of prayer." The focus isn't so much on what's being said but how it's said! Let's cut to the chase. God hears the language of the heart. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, sin is an issue. Sin hinders our prayers. In Psalms 66:18 David affirms. 'If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.' Sin hinders our prayer life; however, when sin is taken care of; prayer can flow unhindered! Because it has the ear of God.

God responds to repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation. God also promises to "forgive us our sins". In 1 John 1:9, we read, 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' Like the Prodigal Son, in Luke 15:11-24, we will find that our Father will receive us and restore us by His amazing grace. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, we read God will heal us. This great verse was given to Israel. Due to their sins, they were warned of a pending drought. Likewise, if God's children will come back to Him in genuine repentance and faith, we will see our churches and nation changed by the glory of God. We need that kind of revival today!

Revival is a real possibility! "If" is a small word, but so important in our text. 'If' we meet the requirements, we can be sure that God will move. Let's be clear; words are important. David, in Psalm 19:14, says, 'Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.' The intent of the heart is everything with prayer. Are we, as His people, willing to come before our Lord, humble yourself, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways? Then God will hear, forgive and heal. Are you willing to be and do whatever it takes to see real revival come into our churches, our families, our community and our nation? Then God will hear, forgive and heal. Let's continue to pray with a focused heart and mind.

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