

## WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Regrettably the following notice was posted at our Church door this week: '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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Northolt Park Baptist Church**

## PALM SUNDAY

### Bringing the Gospel reality to an online world!

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This Sunday we are planning to present another online service. Dr. Annette Glaw will be bringing a word of encouragement during this time of uncertainty. A time of prayer/worship and sermon will be streamed live.

**This week's scripture reading Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)**

### ***Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King***

*21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."*

*4 This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:*

*5 "Say to Daughter Zion,*

*'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'*

## 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=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 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 :** **Friday Test Session (mainly for first time users)**

Date: 03/04/2020 16:30  
Web Address  
(url): <https://go.blizz.com/join/m79164454>  
Meeting ID: m791-644-54

**Session Name:** **Sunday Service**

Date: 05/04/2020 10:15 for 10:30  
Web Address  
(url): <https://go.blizz.com/join/m38264420>  
Meeting ID: m382-644-20

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. Please note that the joining details for Sunday are the same as last week. If you do not have a web connected computer or phone, but have a free Weekend 0845 landline package, you can join the meeting by calling the number at the stated time, 0845 034 151 0 and then key in the relevant meeting id (e.g. m382-644-20). 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. Please email Olu on ofalowo@btinternet.com and copy Michael, if you experience any technical issues. In your email please state the problem you are experiencing and any relevant screenshots.

## ALL SERVICES ARE CANCELLED

### SERVICES IN APRIL 2020

#### Sunday 5th April (Palm Sunday)

Theme: 'Jesus - The Messiah'  
Speaker: Dr. Annette Glaw  
Scriptures: Matthew (*Ref TBC*)

#### Friday 10th April (Good Friday)

Theme: 'Easter People living in a Good Friday World'  
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy  
Scripture: Matthew 27:32-54

#### Sunday 12th April (Easter Sunday)

**FAMILY DEDICATION SERVICE**  
Theme: 'Jesus - The Resurrection'  
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy  
Scriptures: Matthew 28:1-20

#### Sunday 19th April

**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Theme: 'Jesus - The Servant'  
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy  
Scriptures: Mark (*Ref TBC*)

#### Sunday 26th April

**MISSION PRAYER SERVICE**  
Theme: 'Jesus - The Son of God'  
Speaker: Olu Falowo  
Scriptures: Mark (*Ref TBC*)

If anyone has downloaded Blizz, is comfortable using it, and is willing to help others download Blizz, please let Michael know. 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.

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

## Church building works stopped due to COVID-19

The Church building works start Monday 23rd March. However, on Tuesday I received a telephone call from contractor Paul stating they have been instructed to stop work due to the COVID-19. This has caused disruptions to our building works during these uncertain times. Both JBSR and Daniels have confirmed stopping work until further notice.

Please do continue to pray for our Church building works to be carried out in safety and with competence. 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. Again, thank you to everyone for your continued prayer support and very generous donations to date. We still have some way to go to reach £50,000 vision and target. Smile! But please do continue saving your pennies - £££ and give as the Lord leads.

### 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 offerings are not to be neglected. Proverbs 3:9 encourages us to: 'Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops'. The Church is dependent on your generous giving. We cannot match God's generosity, but whatever little we have to give becomes much, when it's placed in the Master's hands for His service. 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. May God continue to bless your giving especially during a time of so much uncertainty in our country and world due to COVID-19 Virus.

### 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](mailto:rev.maclovejoy@gmail.com)  
Thanks in advance for all your contributions!

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

The following Sunday 12th April, Easter Sunday, Rev. Michael Lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Michael as he prepares to minister to us through the ministry of the Word. Especially during these uncertain times.

### PRAYER MATTERS

Let's continue praying for Joyce and family during this difficult time. Joyce Pett's mother Violet (Vi). Vi passed away recently. She lived in the Isle of White and travelling would be difficult with the present crisis. Please support Joyce with your prayers and telephone calls.

Margaret Carey was admitted into Ealing Hospital with chest pains. However, she was discharged today and sent home to be with Stan. She is on medication and feeling the effects of being unwell. Please do continue to pray for Margaret and Stan.

Do pray for Josephine who is unwell. She has had a sore throat. Let's pray for God's healing restoration for Josephine. Continue to pray for our NHS in their advice and medical care if needed in Josephine's situation.

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.

Janet has kindly put together a list of names within our fellowship to aid communication, fellowship and prayer. Whether we are members of leadership team, church members, friends or visitors to NPBC, let's all continue to pray for one another especially during these difficult time with health concerns and isolation.

### 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](http://www.npbc.uk.com)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

### Church without walls

How are you doing Church? Jesus approaches Jerusalem for the last time in His earthly ministry. Jerusalem with its city gates with outer and inner walls. Well, it's Palm Sunday, and everyone seems to be following Jesus. Shouting! "*Hosanna! Hosanna!*" *Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord*' But appearances can be deceiving. 'Hosanna'— derives from two Hebrew words 'yaw-shah' (deliver, save) and 'anna' (beg, beseech) Hosanna is often thought of as a declaration of praise, similar to hallelujah, But 'Hosanna' is actually a plea for salvation. The same Hebrew root-words, yaw-shah found in Psalm 118:25, which says, 'Save us, we pray', O LORD! Deliver us we pray' These cries are normally associated with temple prayers and practices now being brought out into the streets of Jerusalem.

### Jewish history from Eden to Calvary

The title over Jesus' head, at His Crucifixion says it all: 'KING OF THE JEWS,' written in three languages (Greek, Latin and Hebrew) If Jesus' earthly ministry is to be understood we should consider His life within the historical framework of Judaism. John 12:12-16 reads: 'The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" 14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Many people gathered because it was the Jewish Passover festival.

### Calvary and beyond - It is finished!

We often sing. 'At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burdens of my heart rolled away, It was their by faith, I received my sight and Now I am happy all the day...' Is this sentiment a reality in our Christian experience?

Let's sit at the foot of the cross and reaffirm the words of Jesus: 'IT IS FINISHED'.

It's finished in terms of:

1. Christ's work is complete. (In the physical, and spiritual realm)
2. Christ's work was done once and never to be repeated (Hebrews 9:24-26)
3. Christ's work was done for all. (God's universal call to Salvation)

"For this purpose I have come into the world." The cry was: 'IT IS FINISHED' These are NOT words of 'despair'... but 'HOPE'. Are you really experiencing this hope in your situation today? 3:16 know what I mean John?

Love, as always, in Christ,

Pastor Michael

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