

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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KNOW CHRIST
AND MAKE HIM **KNOWN**

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SUNDAY 5th JULY 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. Rev. Michael Lovejoy will be live-streaming his sermon and Janet Yau will lead us in a time of prayer and worship. You are all welcome to join our online worship and fellowship this coming Sunday.

This week's scripture reading is taken from Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

'Spiritual Maturity in Establishing Roots'

Scripture Focus Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

'In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.'

Members of the leadership team made a second site inspection on Thursday 25th June and were updated on progress. Roofing contractors have now completed roofing works. A snagging list was voiced, and additional schedule of works were presented to contractors Daniels to undertake. These additional building works will be completed by 3rd July. Please pray for the safety of our contractors, and for the provision of excellent craftsmanship. This completion date will help 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

We are planning to meet, at the church, on Thursday 9th July at 8pm. Please see forwarded LBA email for your information on 'Guidance on reopening churches. It would be helpful for all of us to have read both LBA and BUGB's advice and have any questions and comments ready.

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).

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: 05/07/2020 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 – Spurgeons Children's Charity

Spurgeons Children's Charity (Spurgeons) is one of the UK's leading children's charities, supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and their families for 150 years. More information can be found on our church noticeboards. Let's continue to pray for their mission vision and work.



ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The July – September 2020 preaching and worship rotas will be published on the church notice board in due course.
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity'

SERVICES IN JULY 2020

Sunday 5th July
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity in Establishing Roots'
Speaker: Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11

Sunday 12th July
FAMILY SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity in Weakness'
Speaker: Annette Glaw
Scripture: I Corinthians 8

Sunday 19th July
COMMUNION SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity in Adversity'
Speaker: Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Genesis 49:20 – 50:26

Sunday 26th July
MISSION PRAYER SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity'
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

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

MARTYN CUNNINGHAM BSc (Hons)

Congratulation and Bravo! on your well-deserved success. Well done on successfully completing your BSc Biochemistry Honours degree with a 2:1 pass. Wonderful news. I just know life has even more wonderful things in store for you Martyn. We at NPNC can't wait to see where life will take you next. Wherever it is, our prayers go with you! Well done indeed!

PRAYER MATTERS (Continued)

Pray for Josephine who is feeling unwell with a chesty cough. Pray she will make a speedy recovery and be restored to full health.

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 12th July, 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

Let's continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved recently: Remember 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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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

The new birth - growing to maturity

One of the most beautiful joys and miracles in life is the birth of a child. The child's parents look forward to its arrival. There is much excitement they get things ready at home. Then the long-awaited day arrives. The contractions start. The delivery happens, and the baby is born. Congratulations!

But that's not the end. It's only the beginning of a long process. The baby needs the care to develop physically, and this involves regular feeding, nappy-changing, personal care, and keeping it safe from all injury and danger. When the new-born cries, it needs comfort. When it's tired, it needs to be rocked to sleep. When it's unwell, it requires special care. Such great care and attention usually put enormous demands on the parents who may not have much rest and sleep for many days, weeks and months. It's not easy to provide all the after-care that a new-born infant needs.

Babe's in Christ

Well, in the same way, it is not easy to provide all the spiritual after-care that a babe in Christ needs. It's one thing to rejoice when a person repents of their sins and truly believes in Jesus Christ for salvation. All the angels of heaven rejoice, with us, over their salvation. But it is another thing altogether to provide the spiritual care needed, to grow into full Christian maturity. The born again believer is like a new-born infant. Faith and relationship with God are still weak. There needs to be plenty of loving encouragement, instruction, guidance and help from other Christian believers. The gathering together for fellowship and worship is important to spiritual maturity.

What can we learn from Jesus' life and ministry?

Our greatest motivation to care for others comes from the caring example of the Lord Jesus. Giving spiritual and pastoral care enables us to become more like Jesus. When serving others, we serve Christ! Let's, therefore, make every effort to do our best in caring for and love one another. With God's help, let's seek to be good spiritual care-receivers and care-givers, so that we may build a more mature united church family that is committed to making disciples. We can learn to trust God to manure us, preserve and to protect what God had begun. Please read (Timothy 1.11-12; Philippians 1.3-6; Jude 24-25; 1 Peter 1.3-5; 2 Timothy 2.19; Ephesians 1.13-14)

Blessings to you all, in Christ, as always,

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