

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 14th June 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. Olu Falowo will be live-streaming his 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 is taken from Acts 11: 19-30 (NIV)

'The Holy Spirit – the Church'

Scripture Focus Acts 11:22-24 (NIV)

22 News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

Good news! Our church building works recommenced on Tuesday 26th May. Members of the leadership team made a site inspection and were updated on progress. Roofing contractors hope to start work on 15th June and complete in 10-14 Days. Please pray for the safety of our contractors and the provision of excellent craftsmanship with minimal disruptions to our regular activities/ services.

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 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: 14/06/2020 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.

Living Stones House of Prayer – Cypress

Want to read more? Please see the online newsletter with Martin and Heike Dolan mission updates. Let's remain prayerful for both Martin and Heike's safety and protection during this global COVID-19 pandemic.



**ALL SERVICES ARE
LIVE-STREAMED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

This quarter's Themes:

1. Jesus in the Gospels
2. Acts of the Holy Spirit (Acts)

SERVICES IN JUNE 2020

Sunday 7th June

Theme: 'God's Mission'

Speaker: Annette

Scriptures: Acts 14: 6-15

Sunday 14th June

FAMILY SERVICE

Theme: Holy Spirit - the Church'

Speaker: Olu

Scripture: Acts 11: 19-30

Sunday 21st June

COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: Holy Spirit - 'Power,
Position & Possessions
(Father's Day)

Speaker: Michael

Scriptures: *TBC*

Sunday 28th June

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus - Present/Not Yet
Kingdoms

Speaker: Michael

Scriptures: *TBC*

The April - June 2020 preaching and worship rota are published on the church notice board.

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

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 Thank you for all your contributions!

PRAYER MATTERS (Continued)

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 to pray for Margaret Carey, as she continues to gain her strength and recover fully. Give thanks and praise for Stan may God continue to bless this couple in His service.

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, 14th June, Michael Lovej 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 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.

Can we please pray 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 away. Pray for Letia, Timi and Joke, Clement and Bola, Maryham and others.

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, who lives in Atlanta Georgia, USA. 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

Prayer is the focus for this week. June 23rd will make 3 months in lockdown. Mental Health matters. Pray for all who suffer with depression and anxiety during this global pandemic.

Prayer Walks

Sometimes quiet is what we need to help us to pray. Other times we need something more active. Go for a walk and share the sights and sounds with God, turning what you see into prayer. Many people find prayer walking useful when praying for specific things, people and places. You could take a walk just about anywhere, around your home or around your neighbourhood. It's a way of inviting God into those places. Maybe thanking Him for them or asking God to change them for the better. Walking alone is good, bringing a friend along is better. In the stillness, in the chaos, in the mundane, and in the extraordinary God is there with you for the duration of your entire life and thereafter. Find the time and space in the busyness, and you will see where God takes you.

Solitude

Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed (Luke 5:16)

Jesus made solitude a regular habit - getting away from other people and their demands on His attention. When was the last you left everything behind and had peace and quiet, just you and God? Take an early morning walk, sit under a tree somewhere. Do something alone and invite God to come with you.

Breathing Prayer

Slowdown and bring prayer into your day - take a moment to sit still and take some slow deep breaths. As you breathe in think of good things that have been part of your day, something that you have enjoyed, beauty, acts of kindness. Breathing the good things and thank God for them. As you breathe out think of the bad things and breathe out the frustration, worry and hurt of the day. Give them over to God. Leave all your worries with God because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

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