

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Regrettably 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 19th 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 Josephine Morris 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 Genesis 49:20 – 50:26 (NIV)
'Spiritual Maturity in Weakness'

Scripture Focus Genesis 50:18-21 (NIV)

18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. 19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

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 date is Thursday 16th July 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. It would be helpful for all concerned to have read LBA, BUGB's and Government advice, and have any questions, comments or clarification prepared before we meet.

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: 19/07/2020 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: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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

ON-LINE WORSHIP

Worship Lead - Josephine Morris
Music - iSing/Utube
Bible Reading - Genesis 49:29-50:26 (NIV)
Sermon - Rev. Michael lovejoy

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)

Recently, Hazel's great-grandson, Lamar, passed away. His death is a shock to the entire family. He was only 20 years old. Do continue your prayers for Roy, Hazel and their extended family during this difficult time.

Recently, we were saddened to hear the passing of Martin's sister, in Jamaica. Our prayers and condolences go to Martin and his extended family in their loss and bereavement. 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 26^h July, Olu Falowo will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Olu 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

So heavenly minded - yet no earthly good

In my encounters with very important people (VIP's), I found them to be most gracious, humble and having very down to earth personalities. The public and private lives of VIP's may well be separated, and rightfully so, for good reasons. However, their common humanity is expressed in both their public and private relations.

What is spiritual growth? What is spiritual maturity? What is it to develop a relationship and grow in the Lord? The reality is we have mixed views about both spiritual growth and spiritual maturity. Many consider spiritual maturity as having a more comprehensive knowledge of Christian doctrine, a larger grasp of spiritual truth, a more excellent understanding of the things of God, and many such attributes are identified as to marks of growth, development and spiritual maturity. But it's nothing of the kind.

The hallmarks of real spiritual development and maturity are this that we're grown so much less and allowing the Lord Jesus to have grown so much the more. The mature soul is one whose self-esteem is humble and lowly in their earthly service unto the Lord (This isn't to be confused with have 'low self-esteem' psychologically). But in their opinion, the Lord Jesus is great and most high. That is spiritual maturity.

We may well know a considerable amount of facts and information, have a sound theology, a marvellous grasp of doctrine, of teaching, of truth, even of scriptures, and yet be spiritually very small, very immature and very childish. There's all the difference between being child-like and being childish. Real spiritual growth is just this: An I must decrease, to permit a Jesus increase in life and earthly service. It is the Lord Jesus becoming more in us, and we become less to ourselves. I believe you can prayerfully test your personal growth by this observation. May the Lord bless you all in His service.

Blessings to you all, in Christ, as always,

Pastor Michael

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