

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Regrettable 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 19th April 2020

Northolt Park Baptist Church

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. Rev'd Michael Lovejoy 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 Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

'Jesus the Perfect Servant'

The Request of James and John

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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:	19/04/2020 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.

If anyone has downloaded Blizz, is comfortable using it, and is willing to help others download Blizz, please do support one another. 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 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 10:35-45

Sunday 26th April

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus - The Son of God'

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Scriptures: Mark (*Ref TBC*)

ALL CHURCH 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

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. 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. 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 in advance for all your contributions!

Olu Falowo - Something short - Something Memorable

"Throughout history, we can see that in times of difficulty, persecution, and even plagues, God is with His people, and He is with us in these difficult days as well. Of that we can be certain. Did you know that nearly all of Martin Luther's students fled from the university in 1527 because of the Bubonic Plague? Because he and his wife Katherine took in so many sick and dying people, their house had to be quarantined even after the plague ended."

Steve Cleary (CEO/Founder Revelation Media)
Watch Pilgrim's Progress for free at <http://www.WatchPilgrims.com>
Thank you for this newsletter contribution Olu.

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MINISTRY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN!

The following Sunday 26th April, Easter Sunday, 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

Pray for Paul Simpson who is experiencing flulike symptoms with temperature and cough. Pray for his very low energy levels and persistent chesty cough will improve.

Pray for Femi, who lives in Atlanta Georgia USA. He more recently contracted COVID-19 virus and had difficulty with breathing. Do continue to pray for Olu and his extended family.

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

Let's continue praying for Joyce and her family during this difficult time. Joyce Pett's mother Violet (Vi). Vi passed away recently.

Margaret Carey was admitted into Ealing Hospital with chest pains. She is now home recovering. Please continue to pray for Margaret and Stan.

Continue praying for Josephine who was unwell. She had a sore throat and temperature. Let's pray for God's healing and full recovery.

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 especially during these difficult time with health concerns and feelings of 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

A Turning Point

In a chess game – a good player knows the decisive moment, in a game, when the game is won. However, the game has to take its natural course to its end. During World War II, D-Day (Decision Day) was planned for and it took place, in Normandy France, on 6th June 1944. On this day the war was won! It was a turning point that brought WWII to an end. We live in a kind of ‘D-Day’ situation today. We pray the fight against COVID-19 virus has reached its peak and now in decline with its pain, suffering and death toll in the UK. Jesus cried - "It is Finished" (John 19:30). The redemptive work of the Lord is finished. Yes, the war against sin and death is won! Christ won the victory, there is no doubt about that. However, the battles against natural, moral and metaphysical evil still continues until Christ's return. However, the theodicy cries of why does an all good, all loving and all-powerful God allows evil to co-exist is a reality cry in our world.

The Reality of Discipleship

‘When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted.’ (Matthew 28:17) Matthew records ‘some were doubtful’. I just love the honest way Matthew records the realities of discipleship. An interesting contrast between some worshipping and some doubting. This was the reception and reality of seeing the resurrected body of Christ. The reality of humanity reflected in their obedience to Jesus' words to go to Galilee, but not sure of what will happen when they got there. The encounter was an unprecedented experience – It's the risen Jesus they meet. There is a whole story of: anxiety, fears, doubts, terrible sadness which lies behind them. The darkest hours of their life have passed. They have witnessed Jesus' crucifixion and death, they have gone through what we would call an ‘emotional rollercoaster’ and now meet with the living Lord. They bow down before him and worshiped Him. it's not supervising some doubted.

All are made welcome - Worshipers and Doubters

If you come struggling with issues of doubt. Matthew is saying: I know what it's like to watch disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ struggle. Matthew is saying three things about doubting: 1. He understands it. 2. He knows how to deal with it. 3. He knows how to cure it. 'And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (Matthew 28:18) What is Matthew telling us? He is telling us it's the ‘Word’ of Jesus' that produces belief, worship and ministry. They all had made the journey. However, Jesus did not reject the doubters. It's the authority of Jesus' ‘word’ that drives away doubt. Jesus accepts the worship of all who worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

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