

## WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. We continue to experience our second lockdown with church closures. The service will be livestreamed this coming Sunday at 10.30am. Olu Falowo, will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us and Jenny Lovejoy will lead us in a time of prayer and worship. You are welcome to join us on Blizz this coming Sunday.



OUR VISION IS...  
**KNOW CHRIST**  
AND MAKE HIM **KNOWN**

# NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

### **Mission Prayers Sunday**

This month's mission prayer focus will be Spurgeons Children Charity, led by our Mission's coordinator Jenny Lovejoy. 'As further national restrictions have now come into force across England, I have been holding onto a well-known verse in the bible, where Jesus tells his followers to "love your neighbour as you love yourself." (Mark 12:31) Lockdown is difficult....' [Continue reading "Seeking to "love our neighbour" through Coronavirus pandemic- Spurgeons CEO update"...](#) November 6, 2020

This week's scripture readings are taken from Genesis 22:1-14  
**'Prophecy'**

13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

## LIVESTREAMING AND ONLINE MATTERS

We will be gathering, for public worship, this coming Sunday at 10.30am. As an alternative, Olu has kindly offered to continue supporting us by live streaming our Sunday services using Blizz. We want to thank both Olu for kindly supporting us with his Information Communication Technology (ICT) experience during the lockdown. Please see, below his message relating to live streaming our service for this coming Sunday.

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).

Session: Sunday Service  
Date: **22/11/2020 10:30am**  
Web 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.

## SPURGEON CHILDREN'S CHARITY

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## PREACHING ROTA NOVEMBER 2020

The preaching and worship rota are published on the church notice board  
Preaching Themes: Covenant, Kingship, Prophecy and Grace

Sunday 1st November

**Theme:** 'Kingship'

**Speaker:** Olu Falowo

**Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 8:1-22 NIV

Sunday 8th November

FAMILY SERVICE 'Remembrance Sunday Service'

**Theme:** 'Peace and Justice'

**Speaker:** Dr. Annette Glaw

**Scripture:** *Matthew 5:1-12*

Sunday 15th November

**Themes:** 'Salvation, Love and Reconciliation'

**Speaker:** Rev. Hany Abdelmasih

**Scriptures:** Psalms 116:12-14 & John 13:33-35 & 2 Cor 5:18-20.

Sunday 22nd November

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

**Theme:** 'Prophecy'

**Speaker:** Olu Falowo

**Scriptures:** Genesis 22:14

Sunday 29th November

**Theme:** 'Preparations' (First Sunday in Advent)

**Speaker:** Rev. Michael Lovejoy

**Scriptures:** *TBC*

## PRAYER MATTERS (Continued)

Can we continue praying 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 and reunite them soon.

### Public events closed due to Covid-19

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

WEDNESDAY EVENING BREAD FOR LIFE

## WORSHIP

Worship Lead – Jenny Lovejoy

Music - iSing/Utube

Bible Reading – Genesis 22:1-14

Speaker – Olu Falowo

## 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.

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

The following Sunday, 29th November, Rev. Michael Lovejoy, will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Michael as he prepares to minister to us especially during these uncertain times.

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## PRAYER MATTERS

This coming Sunday, Olu Falowo will be ministering to us online. Pray as he prepares the Word and for us to be faithful and obedient to God's Word especially during these difficult and testing times.

Let's continue praying for all who have been bereaved recently: We remember Pat, Roy and Hazel, Joyce, Jean, Margaret G, Val, Josephine, The Sharman family and others known to you.

Pray for Debbie, Tanner's mother, who has more recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for Tanner and extended family in support of Debbie's care and needs.

Continue praying for Val on continual dialysis three time a week. Val is stable and gaining strength. Pray for improved strength, mobility and her safe care within the community. Pray also for Lisa and extended family as they support Val in her recovery.

Continue praying for James and for his care within his home. Pray further continued community support will be in place for all concerned as needed.

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.

Pray for those in our number who are nationally and internationally away. Timi and Joke, Clement and Bola and others known to you.

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.

### LET US PRAY FOR YOU!

Please email your prayer requests to [npbc.pray@gmail.com](mailto:npbc.pray@gmail.com) If you have an urgent and essential prayer concern, please contact Pastor Michael Lovejoy. Telephone 020 8632 9225 (Manse) Get more information on forthcoming activities at NPBC on the church website [www.npbc.uk.com](http://www.npbc.uk.com)

# MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

## **Do not let your heart be troubled.**

Over the past three weeks, I've been unwell with a persistent cough, and have had more time, than usual, with my personal devotion and reading of scriptures. In John 14:1, Jesus said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." Here Jesus addresses his disciples and says: "Do not let your heart be troubled." It's not surprising why Jesus starts this passage with these words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." Several things are being addressed: Jesus is comforting his disciples. Why? The disciples know they've failed. They had no idea how badly they're about to fail. But Jesus does!

I am encouraged: that Jesus doesn't measure us by our performance! Let's remember — "For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no-one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9. Like the disciples, we too fail regularly. Painfully embarrassing when we do fail in big and obvious ways. How about when we fail in small, subtle ways? Sadly, the reality is, we too fail regularly, and we need the comfort Jesus brings. We also need teaching, guidance, affirmation, encouragement, reassurance and love. It takes courage to ask forgiveness, to forgive others and to trust in His Holy Words to forgive ourselves.

I love the way John captures the sentiments of the disciples in this passage. It's a genuine presentation of our human weakness and nature expressing fear — Jesus said "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. When faced with confusion — Thomas cries out "Lord, we don't know we don't understand..." In uncertainty — Philip cries out "Lord, show us ..." In reassurance — Jesus said, "I will come back for you to be with me". The need to be comforted is very real. In our lockdown situations, many are faced with isolation and feelings of loneliness, missing family and friends. Be encouraged; the promise is very real for us — by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is with you! In your need and circumstance. Let's continue praying for those who are unwell in our hospitals and homes.

"DO NOT LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED"

Blessings, in Christ, as always,

Pastor Michael

