

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 24th May 2020

Northolt Park Baptist Church

MISSION FOCUS SERVICE

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 Jennifer Lovejoy 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 Luke 14:1-18 (NIV)
'Jesus' *The Way, the Truth and the Light*

Scripture Focus verse Luke 14: 1 (NIV)

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

Good news! Our church building works will recommence on Tuesday 26th May. Paul (Contractor) has confirmed starting work at 7.30 am. Please pray for the safety of our contractors and for the provision of excellent craftsmanship with minimal disruptions to our regular activities/ services. The government has indicated a phased return of public services in July. However, risk assessments, at NPBC, need to be in place along with maintaining a 2-meter social distancing rule and other COVID-19 regulations will need to apply. Much to be updated on and to make ready before returning to public worship. Let's continue to pray to this end.

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=8zlPCi 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: 24/05/2020 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.

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 PUBLIC SERVICES ARE CANCELLED

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

This quarter's Themes: Jesus in the Gospels and Acts of the Holy Spirit.

SERVICES IN MAY 2020

Sunday 3rd May

Theme: 'Jesus' - Universal Salvation'

Speaker: Dr Annette Glaw

Scriptures: Luke 2:25-33)

Sunday 10th May

FAMILY SERVICE

Theme: Jesus' Mission Statement'

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30

Sunday 17th May

COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus – Eternal Life'

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: John 20:30-31

Sunday 24th May

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

Theme: 'Jesus – The Way, Truth and Light

Speaker: Olu Falowo

Scriptures: John 14:1-18

Sunday 31st May

Theme: The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost Sunday)

Speaker: Rev'd Michael Lovejoy

Scriptures: Acts (TBC)

ALL CHURCH EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP
BREAD FOR LIFE
ALPHA COURSE

Church works stopped due to COVID-19

Both JBSR and Daniels have confirmed stopping work until further notice.

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 Thanks for all your contributions!

PRAYER MATTERS!

Prayer Margaret G. Sadly, her sister-in-law, Josephine, passed with the COVID virus. The funeral was held on Tuesday 14th May. Pray for Margaret and the extended family during this difficult time.

Do please continue to support Joyce with your prayers and telephone calls. I am planning to hold a 'Celebration of Life' Memorial Service for her mother Violet (Vi) when public church service is resumed.

Do continue to pray for Margaret Carey as she recovers and gains strength after her recent hospital visit. Pray she will continue to gain her strength and recover fully.

Do continue your prayers for Tanner's mother, Deborah. Pray she will make a full recovery. Pray also for Tanner's dad and his brother in their needs and support during this difficult time.

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MINISTRY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN!

The following Sunday, 31st May, Rev'd 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.

PRAYER MATTERS

Do pray for Jean. Her cousin passed away with the CORVID virus—a difficult time for her and the extended family. Please pray for Jean and extended family in their loss and bereavement. 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 do continue your prayers for Val. Pray for Val and her extended family during this difficult time. Les' funeral took place in Yarmouth a few weeks ago.

Elizabeth Sharman passed away few weeks ago. She was a member of our local Methodist Church. Elizabeth was known to many at our church fellowship. Do continue to pray for her family during this difficult time.

Continue to pray for Alisa's mum. She, more recently, 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.

Continue praying for Paul Simpson who has been feeling unwell showing COVID symptoms for the past few weeks. Pray his very low energy levels and for his persistent chesty cough will improve and his health will be restored.

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

Mental health matters - Be kind to yourself

Mental Health Awareness Week took place from 18-24 May 2020. This year's theme is kindness. In reflecting on being kind to yourself, I have selected a poem from Hello Poetry <https://hellopoetry.com/tag/mentalhealth/> Speak kindly to yourself because our conscious and subconscious minds are listening carefully and mindfully 24/7.

A Black Girl Untold 16h

Circle of Life Sigh

Sometimes I wake up out of breath
Questioning if I am living only for death
My bed holds bad dreams and demons
No peace comes when I am sleeping

Questioning if I am living only for death
I hate my life and I have nothing left
No peace comes when I am sleeping
Only thing keeping me sane is books

I hate my life and I have nothing left
I care for others more than I do myself
Only thing keeping me sane is books
My friends wear makeup and cute looks

I care for others more than I do myself
I can hardly stand getting out of bed
My friends wear makeup and cute looks
While I can't stomach my own reflection
Sometimes I wake up out of breath

-A Black Girl Untold

The BBC Newsround has a great focus on kindness in response to the coronavirus outbreak, which is having a big impact on people's mental health. The BBC NEWSROUND link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52557800> asks several essential questions: 'How important is kindness to you? What are the benefits of kindness in terms of mental health: Your heart? Is kindness contagious? Does kindness slow ageing? Does kindness make you feel happy? Does kindness reduce stress and anxiety? Does kindness support our immune system? Does kindness reduce pain? Mark Rowland, Chief Executive of the Mental Health Foundation, stated: "We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to re-imagine a kinder society - one that protects all our mental health." The scripture focus for this week is (John 14:1) 14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

Be kind to yourself and one another.

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