

WELCOME TO NORTHOLT PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. We are now open for public services and taking steps to keep safe. Rev. Michael Lovejoy will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us and Jenny will lead us in mission prayers and worship. You are welcome to join us this coming Sunday. There is a 'first come first serve' policy in operation. To avoid disappointment please come early. Service starts at 10.30am for the duration of an hour.



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



SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2020

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE

This week's scripture reading is taken from Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV)

'New Covenant Relations'

³¹"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord.

³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

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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 and go through the one for your relevant device (i.e. desktop or phone).

Session: Sunday Service
Date: **25/10/2020 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.

WEC International

This Sunday we are praying for WEC International and the work of David and Margie Whitehorn. Pray for missions in:

- Mozambique
- Momade
- Célia
- Town of Nampula,
- Chad Gabriel
- Guinea-Bissau

David Margie have no travel till next year. They are grateful for the internet, which they rely on for communication and online ministry. Let's continue praying for all these mission outreaches mentioned. These are indeed very uncertain time for all concerned. Pray for protection and safety, continued leadership vision and direction with WEC International, its leadership and missionaries. WEC Mission newsletters are on the church notice board.



**PREACHING / WORSHIP ROTA
OCTOBER - DECEMBER**
2020 preaching and worship rota is published on the church notice board. Theme: 'Covenant - Believing and Living'

Sunday 4th October

Theme: 'Covenant'
Speaker: Olu Falowo
Scriptures: Genesis 15:1-21

Sunday 11th October

FAMILY SERVICE –
Theme:
'Harvest - God's Generosity'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scripture: Exodus 34:18-28 (NIV)

Sunday 18th October

COMMUNION SERVICE
Theme:
'Covenant Believing and Living'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 29:1-11 (NIV)

Sunday 25th October

MISSION PRAYER SERVICE
Theme:
'Covenant Believing and Living'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34

PRAYER MATTERS (Continued)

Can we continue praying for Mahood (Jacob's dad). Mahood's wife (Mandana) and daughter (Mehrhoosh). 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.

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 in prayer.

The following events are now open at NPBC

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

WEDNESDAY EVENING BREAD FOR LIFE

WORSHIP

Worship Lead – Jenny Lovejoy

Music - iSing/Utube

Bible Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV)

Speaker – 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.

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 1st November, 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

On returning to public worship, pray we keep safe as we all support the Covid-19 Government guideline for reopening Churches. Unfortunately, NPBC only has a 30 seating capacity with present social distancing guidelines being implemented. To avoid disappointment, please arrive early. However, as an alternative, Sunday services are being live streamed on Blizz.

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

Continue praying for Val who is recovering and gaining strength from her hospitalisation and 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.

Do also continue to pray for James. He has special needs and recovering from his seizure. The closure of community centres is an added pressure on the extended family supporting James with his needs. Pray for Alfred, Jean and extended family in their needs and in the continued support of James. A respite, for all concerned, is so needed.

Congratulations on moving home. Alisia and her husband moved to West Yorkshire recently. We want to wish their new home brings nothing but contentment, peace and pleasure. Alisia will be sorely missed. May God bless and keep them both safe in His tender care.

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

Reflection – Encouragement

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ." (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Let' be Encouraged

Let's be encouraged because God is a God of mercy and comfort. We are reminded of this in verse three: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." Let's also take courage because God is there in our affliction. Verse four reads: "who comforts us in all our affliction... so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." We should be encouraged because we can be instruments of comfort to others despite and in adversity. Verse five concludes, we are encouraged to bring comfort: "so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

Discouragement is a thief who steals

Discouragement steals your energy, your enthusiasm, your joy, your peace, and your happiness. If discouragement resides with you, it will soon invite others to join. Their names are tiredness, hopelessness, despair, self-pity, depression, doubt, and bitterness. These uninvited guests lead to feelings of discouragement, which can lead to disappointment with the past, dislike for the present, and distrust of the future. This is made possible if we are unaware of the presence of God and with unbelief in the promises of His Word.

Therefore, be encouraged!

You are in God's tender care. You don't have to live in isolation and feel alone in a world of uncertainty, anxiety and fear. You don't have to undergo the pressures of caring for others and feelings of isolation alone. The body of Christ is present, and the promise of His future is promised. You have the Word of God to encourage and teach. You have the Holy Spirit to direct, protect and comfort. You have the encouragement of the Church waiting and wanting to love, support and pray. Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). You are invited to find this rest.

Blessings to you all, in Christ, as always,

Pastor Michael