

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**Northolt Park Baptist Church**

### **Mission Prayer Sunday**

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 Sue Blake will lead us in a time of prayer and worship. You are all welcome to join our worship and fellowship online.

**This week's scripture reading Mark 1:1-15 (NIV)**

**'Jesus – Son of God'**

#### **John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, 2 as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way" —

3 "a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

## 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](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:** 26/04/2020 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.

## WEC – Mission Prayer Focus for this Month

Dear Friends,  
Warm greetings, post Easter, to all of you. We do pray that you were able to celebrate Easter joyfully, despite not being able to meet physically with others. We were up in time to walk up the hill just behind our house and witness the stunning sunrise. It was very special being able to sing and pray as we watched the surrounding city and hills, right over to Rotherham gradually coming into view and focus. Shapes and dark areas started to make

## ALL PUBLIC 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 1:1-15)

sense and we gave thanks that the Risen Son of God is the One who can bring sense and meaning into our world and situations.

I am writing a little early because several folk have been asking about Mozambique and we have just heard from Momade and Célia....

Want to read more? Please see the online version of David and Margie's mission newsletter. Let's remain prayerful for both David and Margie's safety and protection during this global COVID-19 pandemic.

**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](mailto:rev.maclovejoy@gmail.com)  
Thanks in advance for all your contributions!

**Olu Falowo - We have Mail!**

Jesus went on a self-isolation in the grave for our sins. He was unduly quarantined even though He tested negative to sin. His resurrection from His Isolation Centre after three days formed the foundation for our release from the lock down of sin.

All that have been infected by the virus of sin are guaranteed recovery when given the vaccine of the Blood of Jesus. They will subsequently live a victorious life through the ventilator of the Holy Spirit.

**All contributions are welcome**

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 3<sup>RD</sup> May, Dr. Annette Glaw will be bringing the ministry of the Word to us. Pray for Annette as she prepares to minister to us especially during these uncertain times.

**PRAYER MATTERS**

We are trusting God for Femi's continued healing, Do continue to pray for Olu and his extended family. Yemi's mother in-law passed recently and three other expended family members, working for the Health Care Service have been hospitalised with COVID-19 virus. A matter for prayer.

Continue praying for Paul Simpson who is feeling unwell showing signs of flulike symptoms with temperature and cough for the past few weeks.

Do continue your prayers for Tanner's mother Deborah. 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 extended family during this difficult time. I am planning to hold a Memorial Service for her mother Vi, at NPBC, when public church service resume.

Do continue to pray for Margaret Carey as she recovers and gains strength after her recent hospital visit and treatment

Do continue praying for Josephine. She's unwell with Hay Fever.

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 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

This is a short tribute to all our NHS staff and essential workers in the UK.

CORVID-19 Breathe in - Breathe out  
Cotton fold covered faces  
mask on - mask off, nose bridges burn index and thumb  
sterile gowns ambidextrous unfold tie  
Breathe in, breathe out.

Sinusoidal waves peak from time to time  
light before sound rhythmic and comforting  
firm hands but gentle hands body rotate  
Breathe in, breathe out.

ICU or was it I see you!  
body and mind comatose, PPE sweat brow, get rid, suffocating strain  
rotation imminent, staff replacement cycle consistent  
Breathe in, breathe out.

Lockdown, self-isolation and hospitalisation  
COVID language of body and mind  
but what of the soul and spirit?  
Breathe in breathe out.

Light filled rooms, now vertical gaze  
wheeled in, walked out with breathlessness and praise  
family unite, always mindful of flatline too greater pain  
Breathe in, breathed out with thankful praise!

Poem by michael lovejoy 23.04.2020

Thank you to all NHS staff and essential workers. Bravo! Please keep supporting one another in prayer and by keeping safe. May God bless us all during these very uncertain times of isolation and sickness. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time.

Pastor Michael

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