

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 28 June 2020

Northolt Park Baptist Church

Welcome to your weekly newsletter from Northolt Park Baptist Church. This coming Sunday we are planning to present an online service. Rev. Michael Lovejoy will be live-streaming his sermon and Josephine Morris will lead us in a time of prayer and worship. You are all welcome to join our online worship and fellowship this coming Sunday.

This week's scripture reading is taken from Acts 1:1-14 (NIV)

'Jesus – the now and not yet Kingdom of God'

Scripture Focus Acts 28: 30-31 (NIV)

30 For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. 31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

Members of the leadership team made a second site inspection on Thursday 25th June and were updated on progress. Roofing contractors have now completed roofing works. A snagging list was voiced, and additional schedule of works were presented to contractors Daniels to undertake. These additional building works will be completed by 3rd July. Please pray for the safety of our contractors, and for the provision of excellent craftsmanship. This completion date will help support our return to public worship pending our risk assessments, and government covid recommendations being in place before our regular activities/services can resume. The church will remain closed until further notice.

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: 28/06/2020 10:30am
Web URL Address: <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.

This month's Mission – Spurgeons Children's Charity

Spurgeons Children's Charity (Spurgeons) is one of the UK's leading children's charities, supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and their families for 150 years. More information can be found on our church noticeboards. Let's continue to pray for their mission vision and work.



ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The July – September 2020 preaching and worship rotas will be published on the church notice board in due course.
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity'

SERVICES IN JULY 2020

Sunday 5th July
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity in Establishing Roots'
Speaker: Rev. Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11

Sunday 12th July
FAMILY SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity in Weakness'
Speaker: Dr Annette Glaw
Scripture: I Corinthians 8

Sunday 19th July
COMMUNION SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity in Adversity'
Speaker: Rev Michael Lovejoy
Scriptures: Genesis 49:20 – 50:26

Sunday 26th July
MISSION PRAYER SERVICE
Theme: 'Spiritual Maturity'
Speaker: Olu Falowo
Scriptures: TBC

ALL CHURCH EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP
BREAD FOR LIFE
ALPHA COURSE

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 Thank you for all your contributions!

PRAYER MATTERS (Continued)

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

Do continue to pray for Margaret Carey with her recurrent chest infection. Pray she continues to gain her strength and recover fully. Give thanks and praise for Stan may God continue to bless this couple in His service.

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.

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.

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 DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN!

The following Sunday 5th July, pastor Michael 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

Let's continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved recently: Remember Joyce, Jean, Margaret G, Val, Josephine, The Sharman family and others known to you.

Do continue to pray for Margaret Carey she is unwell with recurrent chest infection. Pray she recovers and gains strength quickly.

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 continue your prayers 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.

Pray for those in our number who are nationally and internationally separated. Pray for Letia, Timi and Joke, Clement and Bola, Maryham and others you may know.

Continue to pray for Roy's brother in his sickness. Pray for his extended family as they support his care.

Continue to pray for Alisa's mum. She 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, We are trusting God for Femi's continued healing and full recovery.

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

[We are doing Church without walls - Can mission be done this way?](#)

It's mission focus Sunday. There is considerable emphasis on 'missional church' these days. Is this just another new label, the latest trend for churches? Or is there something more substantial in the missional label? What does it mean to be a missional church? How might this affect the way we live our lives as "missional" people? It's a short reflection that attempts to consider our theological and practical missional engagement.

Missio Dei is the 'mission of God,' or the 'sending of God.' How is it expressed in scripture? Matthew 16:18 'And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.' Primarily, Church building is the Lord's work aided by His Holy Spirit. In trying to understand God's mission, it may be helpful to theologically reflect on the following questions: What is God doing? What does He want to do? How do we discern what to do in His service? In terms of the Church being more relevant to the broader culture, Alan Scott states: 'The Church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the Church. The Church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.' In terms of discernment, we experience the Holy Spirit's guidance, not only in scriptural understanding and application but also being empowered with spiritual gifting for the missional endeavour.

In establishing the Kingdom of God. Does our Church see itself as sent by God, Missio Dei, to do His kingdom work in our local community? Do you think of NPBC in this way? How might we become less self-absorbed and more committed to reaching our neighbourhood with the Gospel? Are we considering mission which is Gospel-driven, i.e. what God has done in Christ to save the world? Mission is embedded in Micah's challenge, based on Micah 6:8 which reiterate that the Lord requires believers to be justice, love kindness and mercy, and walk-in humility with God. I believe Christian mission embraces both the proclamation of Christ, and the practical outworking of a Gospel mandate: to be just, love kindness and mercy, and walk in humility with our Lord and love our neighbours.

Blessings to you all, in Christ, as always,

Pastor Michael

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