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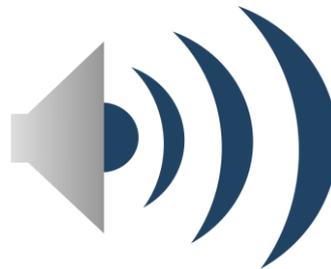
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9(NIV)

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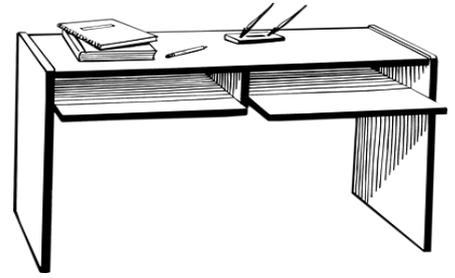
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. Joshua 1:2 (NKJV)

2015, like Moses, is now history. Some things are obvious yet the significance of them can still be missed.

As we continue down the road of 2016 it is time to 'arise'. God has not brought us into 2016 to do a spot of sight-seeing.

When God reminded Joshua of the death of Moses we should remember that Moses was a great leader who accomplished many things. It was with Moses that God brought about the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. Yet in Joshua 1:2 God is reminding Joshua that this is a new era.

This would have been particularly significant for Joshua, as his name means 'Yahweh saves' or 'the Lord saves'. Joshua's name is the Hebrew rendering of the name Jesus.

It is more than coincidence that Moses is the one who gave Joshua his name. Read Numbers 13:16

*These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land.
(Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.)
Numbers 13:16 (NIV)*

In short, God always had a plan and purpose for Joshua, just like he has one for you. Once you realise that in Christ you can do all things, you will be able to arise and see things as God wants you to see them. Arising in this context means understanding the privileges you have by being in Christ Jesus.

I pray that God will open your eyes and allow you to arise in 2016.

FEBRUARY 2016 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Suzanne Gudgeon

Date	Events & People	Time
Wednesday's 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees – Starts at 7.45pm)	7.30pm–9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm
Sunday 7th Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Communion Service & Prayer time Youth (After Service)	11.00am
Sunday 7th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Vivienne Oke	6.30pm
Friday 5th Evening	Deacon's Meeting	8.00pm
Friday 12th Evening	Women's Prayer Meeting	8.00pm-9.00pm
Saturday 13th Evening	Men's Meeting	4.00pm
Sunday 14th Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner "FAMILY SERVICE Parenting discussion panel. A look at issues parents face. Question & Answer format" Parenting Matters Panel: Benson Adedeji; Nab Mills-Robertson; Florence Olajide; Esther Madu Kwatamdia Co-ordinator: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 14th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Anthony Ogbeifun	6.30pm
Tuesday 16th	PMP	TBA
Saturday 20th Afternoon	Prayer Breakfast	8.30am- 11.30am

Date	Events & People	Time
Sunday 21st Morning	Lead: Benson Adedeji Preach: Rev. Rex Akpojaro 13+ Stay in Church	11.00am
Sunday 21st Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Rev. Rex Akpojaro	Earlier start 6.00pm
Friday 26th Evening	Prayer Night Magdalene Ogbeifun 8.00pm Barbara Reynolds 9.00pm Vivienne Oke 10.00pm	8.00pm- 11.00pm
Sunday 28th Morning	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 28th Evening	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pat Turner	6.30pm
Sunday 28th Afternoon	Visiting Team go out	After Service

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Mary Nwabuzor (solicitor) who is part of our congregation will be our speaker. We look forward to seeing. God bless

Junior Church

By Pat Reynolds

Junior Church Prayers - Sunday 28th February at 10.15 -10.30am
Led by Michael Conteh.

Other Events

By Nab Mills-Robertson

- Food Bank
- Teen Challenge – Monday's 3-5pm (See Nab if interested)
- Street Pastors – Every 4th Friday (See Barbara if interested)

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Dear Friends

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2016! Where did 2015 go! It only seems like yesterday that we were celebrating the New Year 2015 and now that is gone. What will this year hold in store for you? I pray that each one of you reading this will know the guidance and leading of the Lord and will prosper in every way as you continue your walk with the Lord.

When you look back at 2015 what stands out for you? Did you achieve all the things you wanted to? Did you do it with God's help? There are a number in the fellowship who have much to give thanks to God for and I am one of them. I hope it will be possible to share this with you all sometime soon.

In my last report before Christmas I said that we were due to have a church meeting to elect deacons to the leadership team. I am pleased to report that the following were duly elected: Sylvester Turner, Jane Young (each re-elected for a further 3 year term), and Algi Dyer new to the team. I know you will continue to pray for them and all the leadership, which includes Pat Reynolds, Monty Monteiro and me. Pray too for everyone in the fellowship as there are a number who need our prayers very much.

Please continue to remember the countries where there is difficulties of one sort or another, especially where there is conflict, especially the refugee crisis. Pray too for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering for being a Christian.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is an annual event on the first Friday in March worldwide:

Date / Time: Friday 4th March at 2.00pm

Where: Woodgrange Baptist Church, Romford Road

Country/Theme: Cuba - Receive Children, Receive Me

If you would like more information, please have a word with me.
Thank you.

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (16 December 2015)

As you will see I am writing this before Christmas and the New Year knowing that you will not be reading it until February 2016 which all seems rather strange. As usual I will not be making any New Year Resolutions but will rely on this old African prayer 'O Lord I know you won't send me any trouble in the coming days that You and I can't handle together'.

On 20th May 1880 the foundation stones were laid for Truro Cathedral and by 1910 most of the building work had been completed. Some of the brickwork and slates now need replacing and we have responded to appeals to sponsor a brick and then a slate with our names written on the underside where no one will see them. Nehemiah had a much harder building problem to overcome even though some laughed at his plans others openly opposed and threatened him. In Chapter 4/8 we read that the people worked with all their heart. Now that would be a good New Year Resolution for every Christian.

This morning I joined friends at the weekly communion service. This was a particular reminder of why we celebrate Christmas for as the Angel told the shepherds 'This very day your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord'. Tomorrow we travel by train over the famous bridge over the river Tamar to London/Paddington /Upminster to meet up with our family, something we are very much looking forward to.

8th January 2016

We arrived home in the evening with very many happy memories. We received a warm welcome when we attended services at Upminster and Chace Cross Baptist Churches also Upminster Methodist Church. The following morning the car would not start but our neighbour kindly gave me a lift as he too was going to St. Agnes for the communion service. Meanwhile like a good husband I left Doreen to summon the RAC to solve our carmunion problem.

An angel of the Lord told the shepherds not to be afraid because 'I bring you good news of great joy'. Sadly for too long now the news we receive in the press, TV and other sources does not bring us any joy at all.

A Prayer: Loving God, we pray for those whose lives are hard and painful or whose existence is sorrowful, bitter or empty. In their need, may they know your healing touch, reaching out to comfort, strengthen and restore, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

By Leadership/Central News Team

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
2nd	Cynthia Reynolds	12th	Daniel Roach-Williams
2nd	Luke Horrabin-Newman	13th	Ron Jacobs
2nd	Eugene Paul-Emeralds	15th	Marjorie Aber-Obitta
2nd	Mandy Murray	16th	Algi Dyer
5th	Cynthia Pritchard	20th	Troy Andrews
6th	Velluppillai Sachithanatham	21st	Isaac Roach-Williams
11th	Calbert Tucker	23rd	Zainab Issahaku Sofo-Wuni
11th	Diler Singh	23rd	Dawine McKenzie
11th	Victory Paul-Emeralds	27th	Marianne Jaward
12th	Lillieth Adebisi		

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Augusta & Johnson Ehigie	31
21st	Lillieth & Mark Adebisi	29
28th	Mavis & Stanley Nziramasanga	32

EARLY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
2nd	Estina Grant	4th	Richard Oguntona

EARLY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

NO EARLY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

**BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FROM ALL OF US AT
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**



REPORTS

Reports from across the Church

Prayer

By Vivienne Oke

Happy New Year- CBC Stratford...

The beginning of a year is an opportunity to do many new things... The Psalmist however encourages us to commit our ways (the year.) into God's hand and allow him to lead us.

"Commit your ways into God's hand and he will direct your path". (Psalm 37:5).

The Good news bible puts it in another way. "Give yourself to the Lord, trust in him and he will help you". (Psalm 37:5).

I am sure you all agree that we need "God's help" in 2016. Let's not run ahead of God this year.... Take Him with you...

- Monday –please pray **God** will be honoured in our midst.
- Tuesday –please pray for the various ministries within CBC.
- Wednesday- please pray for the programmes and events.
- Thursday –please pray for the Men and Women within CBC.
- Friday – please pray for the Youth and Children.
- Saturday- please pray for Marriages –
- Sunday - please pray for the Pastor and the Diaconate

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (09/12/2015)

- Ethlyn Salmon - Please pray that she will find God's peace, comfort, healing from the pain she is in.
- Doreen Waterman – Pray the Lord will uphold her with His mighty arm and His presence will give her peace
- Virginia Reynolds – Please pray that she will feel God's presence and perfect peace.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – Please pray for their recovery from the recent poor health they have been suffering and pray that God's arms will enfold them.
- Icilda May – She is doing well. Please pray for the Lord to restore her strength and renew her spirit each day as she waits patiently for complete healing.
- Dorothy Lee – She had an unforeseen situation last month, but the recent visit to her was encouraging we sang hymns and prayed with her. She thanks God for His goodness. Please pray for protection.
- Mr Moses Williams – He had a visit to hospital for a check up on a persistent chest infection. Please pray that he will feel better soon.
- May Gardner – She gives thanks to God for His bountiful blessings and for her wellbeing. Let's continue to pray for the Lord's complete healing of the pain to her knee and back.

MESSAGE TO VOLUNTEERS: We have seen Christ's love and compassion through you. Thank you for all that you have done in 2015. May your New Year be filled with God's Goodness. The Bible says 'those who have served will gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. (1Tim 3:13).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You

From Jacqueline Trotman

Just a short note to say how overwhelmed I was to receive the wonderful plaque and theatre tickets for my service in the Junior Church. The plaque I can cherish for the rest of my life and the tickets have been put to good use as I have booked two tickets for myself and my sister, for 'Lord of the Dance' which we are both looking forward to immensely. As I said at the time, I was not looking for any reward as I have enjoyed working with the children, and will still be visiting them often. Thank you once again for your kindness.

God bless you all.

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon

This month the flowers are being provided by the following friends:



Date	Provided by
7th	Central Baptist Church
14th	Ron Jacobs
21st	DATE FREE
28th	DATE FREE

As you can see from the list above, two dates have been taken and two dates are available. If you would like to use them, let me know.

Please could you put your contribution in an envelope with your name and the date you are providing flowers, and place it in the collection at least two weeks or hand it to me, before the date you have selected.

A list giving available dates from March onwards will be available shortly. God bless you all.