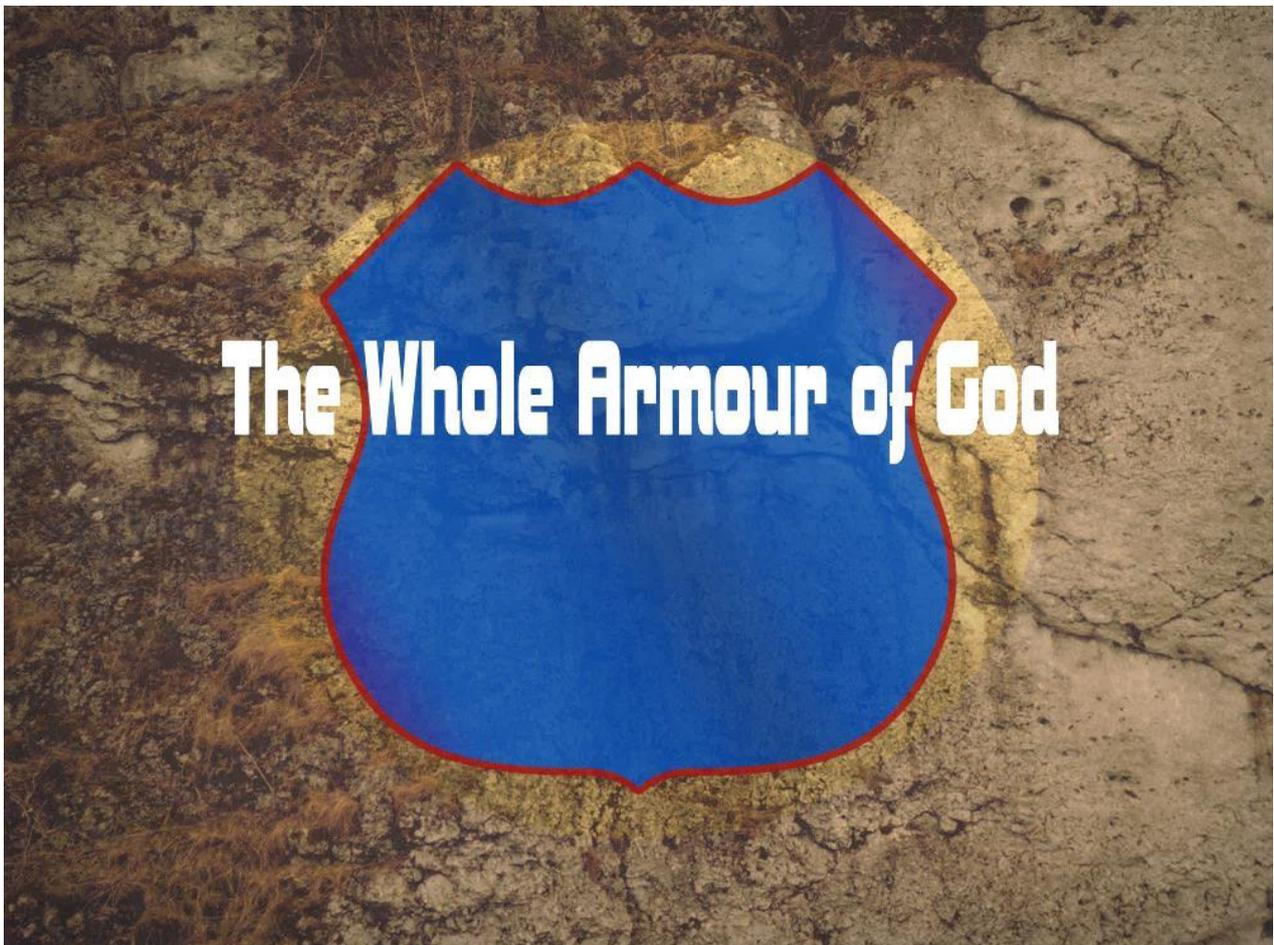


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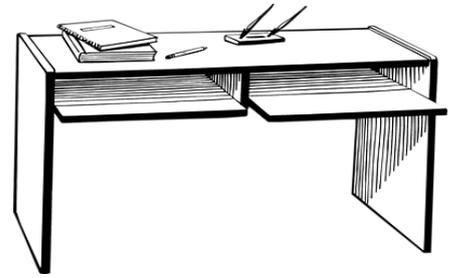
**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole Armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.
Ephesians 6:10-11 (ESV)**

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



The Whole Armour of God

“Put on the Armour that God gives you, so that you will be able to stand up against the devil’s tricks” (Ephesians 6: 10 GNB)

In concluding our summary of the whole Armour of God from last month, let us round up with a brief overview of the last three pieces of Armour. Please see last month’s issue for the other pieces.

The Shield of Faith

Along with the Sword of the Spirit, this is something we hold rather than wear. This means that the Shield can be moved about to protect all our body and not just one part. No wonder the scripture says "**above all**, taking the Shield of Faith with which you will be able to quench **all** the fiery darts of the wicked one" (Ephesians 6:16 NKJV).

The Shield of Faith is above all, not in terms of importance, but with regards to the role and position it holds. Without Faith it is impossible to serve God (Hebrews 11:6) and without faith it is impossible to receive from God (Hebrews 11:1). When Faith is absent fear takes its place. Dear Saint, put your Faith in God.

The Helmet of Salvation

Ephesians 6:17 urges us to put on the Helmet of Salvation. Serving God requires our heart, body and mind (Luke 10:27). The enemy is aware of this and often attempts to attack our minds by introducing us to toxic thoughts – toxic thoughts can harm our spiritual and physical health.

The Helmet of Salvation protects our minds, and crucially, our thought life. What you allow to dominate your thought life can not only affect your joy and peace but even your very walk with God. We see examples of this in Cain (Genesis 4:6-7) and Judas (John 13). In John 13:2 we witness the enemy introducing an evil thought to Judas and by the time we get to John 13:26-30 this thought has become an action that Judas fulfilled.

Dear Child of God – Guard your thought life and pay heed to Philippians 4:8 for this is how to wear the Helmet of Salvation.

The Sword of the Spirit

The scriptures makes it very clear that by the Sword of the Spirit it means the Word of God. God's word is like a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). It strengthens and builds up our faith and at the same time it dismantles the attacks of the enemy.

I do not have the space to elaborate much on this vital truth here, but Psalm 62:11 does help me shed some very useful insights on this

“God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God. (NKJV)

Here we see the writer (David) assuring us that while God had spoken once he had heard it twice! How did David manage such a feat? – by repeating God's word aloud to himself.

Are you feeling afraid and worried? Read out 2 Timothy 1:7 aloud to yourself. This is not simply to make you feel good again, but rather the Word of God is Spirit and Life (John 6:63). The words (and thoughts) of God are carriers of spiritual life. That is why God created the world by speaking words (Genesis 1:3).

The words we think and speak to ourselves have an effect over us – especially when they are God's word.

Take up the Sword of the Spirit by **thinking the Word, praying the Word and speaking the Word**. This is how we can wield the Sword of the Spirit.

MAY 2015 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Jane Young

Date	Event and People	Time
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm
Every Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees – Start at 7.45pm)	7.30-9.00pm
Friday 1st Evening	CBC Club Visit Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park	6.00pm
Sunday 3rd Morning	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Prayer for all Team Leaders	11.00am
Sunday 3rd Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Suzanne Gudgeon Communion Service	6.30pm
Friday 8th Evening	CBC Woman's Prayer Meeting	7.45-9.30pm
Saturday 9th Morning	Men's Breakfast Meeting Speaker: Naphtali Titus Chondol	08.30-11.30pm
Sunday 10th Morning	Junior Church Anniversary Family Service Lunch After Service Team Focus: Junior Church	11.00am
Sunday 10th Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE	
Friday 15th Evening	Prayer Walk Lead: Pat Reynolds	8.30-9.30pm
Saturday 16th Afternoon	GAP at Romford Women's Prayer Conference	12.30pm

Date	Event and People	Time
Sunday 17th Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay in Church	11.00am
Sunday 17th Evening	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Eugene Paul-Emeralds	6.30pm
Monday 18th Afternoon	Over 60's Club Speaker: Malcolm Boulter	12.00pm
Friday 22nd Evening	Prayer Walk Lead: Patricia Antione-Ramsey	8.30-9.30pm
Sunday 24th Morning	Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Pentecost Sunday Family Service	11.00am
Sunday 24th Evening	Lead: Pastor Dele Oke Time of Worship & Prayer Pentecost Service	6.30pm
Friday 29th Evening	Prayer Time Anthony Ogbeifun - 8.00pm Nab Mills-Robertson - 9.00pm Pastor Dele Oke - 10.00pm	8.00-11.00pm
Sunday 31st Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Communion Service Team Focus: CBC Club	11.00am
Sunday 31st Afternoon	Visiting Team: Frank Smith Folashade Adebayo Joyce Aber-Obitta	After Service
Sunday 31st Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Allen Olatuja	6.30pm

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



God is Good – All the time; All the time – God is Good

Dear Friends

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning, new mercies I see;
All I have needed, Thy hand has provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

This is a wonderful hymn that is sung often in Churches up and down the land and probably around the world. God is faithful, faithful to His word and faithful to His people. We go through many challenges and difficulties in life. I am sure that each one of us will have a testimony to give of God's faithfulness.

You will see elsewhere mention is made about the Christian Resources Exhibition and for the first time is being held in Excel in London. I thoroughly recommend you go along if you can and enjoy a day of looking at all the resources that are available.

As you are aware the General Election is happening this month and I am sure like me you have been praying that the Lord will lead those who will form the next government.

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

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and keep walking in the pathway that leads to eternal life.

Have Faith in God – He never Fails

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (29th March)

Yesterday morning I was expecting to go to The London Independent Hospital on Good Friday and have an operation the next day. However in the afternoon due to a cancellation I will now be going on the 31st with the operation the next day which so happens to be April Fools' Day!! It appears the origin of that day is uncertain. There are many references in the Bible to fools and foolishness such as 'Fools say to themselves "There is no God". [Psalm 53 verse 1] and 'Foolish people don't care if they sin but good people want to be forgiven'.

Since November I have been unable to take an active part in many Church activities which has been very frustrating. Having to watch people do simple things like stacking up chairs and being told that I must not help. However I was encouraged when I came across a poem 'Not Growing Old'. This is the second verse, 'What if my hair is turning grey? Grey hair is honourable, they say. What if my eyesight's growing dim? I still can see to follow Him who sacrificed His life for me there on the cross at Calvary! What should I care if Time's old plough has dug its furrows in my brow? Another house, not made with hand, awaits me in the Glory Land. [My mind and my body may grow weak but He is all I ever need. Psalm 73 vs 26]

This week Radio Cornwall gave a warning to look out for cows on the road which is a change from sheep or horses. Have you ever heard that on Radio London? Barclays Bank and the Post Office in St. Agnes have been closed. A sub Post Office is now operating in a grocery store but this is very inconvenient for locals and visitors. I retired in 1999 and so was able to come to Cornwall and have a good view of the Solar Eclipse. This month it was a partial eclipse which was not so spectacular but still something to remember.

While at the Central I did many things and even spent times on the roof and under the floor boards. I have played the piano and even the organ but never sung solo or in a choir and have no intention of ever doing so. That does not of course mean that I do not enjoy making a joyful noise singing hymns with others. So using your imagination join with me in singing as a close the words of 460 in Mission Praise.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

By Leadership/Central News Team

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Allen Olatuja	13th	Isaac Ampofo
1st	Dele Olajide	16th	Ethyln Salmon
2nd	Doris Francis	21st	Judy Francis
3rd	Terry Newman	23rd	Michael Olakunbi
4th	Jaheim Stephenson	23rd	Cynthia Burke
4th	Steve Cooper	28th	Sybil Austin
10th	John Odimayo	28th	Bamidele Oke
12th	Ayo Oke	31st	Icilda May
13th	Isaac Ampofo		

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Harriet & Nab Mills-Robertson	28
3rd	Elizabeth & Godwin Falade	35
6th	Kathleen & Colin Lucking	54

EARLY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Osaretin Ehigie	3rd	Osasu Ehigie
2nd	Efua Mills-Robertson	4th	Arthur Thallapally
2nd	Sharon Nziramasanga	5th	Joanna Man
3rd	Peter Sesay	5th	Bimbola Owoh

NO EARLY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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



REPORTS

Reports from across the Church

Prayer

By Magdalene Ogbeifun

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Praise and glory belong to our God, who because of what He did through Jesus Christ on the cross, His mercy is now forever and we can go before the Throne of Grace and ask, and we will receive (as long as we believe). So please, let us join our voices in prayer and avail ourselves of the promises of God.

I feel led to remind us about something that pleased God, sometime ago. King Solomon was asked to name anything he wanted God to do for him, and he asked for wisdom to please God and please people by ruling wisely (1 Kings 3 verses 3-9).

If we come before God with a similar attitude, we will see miracles happen in our midst. I know we all have concerns we have to take care of, but before we make any decisions, let's see what God said to King Solomon in 1 Kings 3 verses 10-14:

Verse 10 - The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this...

Verse 12 - I will do what you have asked...

Verse 13 - I will also give you what you have not asked for; all your life you will have wealth and honour, more than any other King...

My Brothers and Sisters, let us learn to please God in our requests and as we lift others up to Him, so will we be lifted up.

Remember those preparing for exams/research projects at this time.

Pray for wisdom for the Church Leaders as well as election of leaders into the Church Diaconate.

Pray for the forthcoming National elections.

Above all keep praising God for His love and faithfulness and the blood of Jesus that has set us free. Hallelujah!

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (07/04/2015)

- Ethlyn Salmon – She was in severe pain but before we left she felt a bit more comfortable. Please pray for Ethlyn.
- Doreen Waterman – She has had good news that the pacemaker is working perfectly. Continue to pray for her and her husband.
- Yvonne Thomas – She is doing well. Please continue to pray for her family.
- Blossom Dammar – Please pray for medical treatment coming up soon and Nicole travelling to work overseas.
- Virginia Reynolds – She celebrated her birthday and is doing very well. Give thanks to Lord for His grace towards her.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – They are fine; Myrtle's aunt passed away and they were encouraged by the support received from family and friends. 'Uncle' Frank celebrated his 85th birthday.
- Icilda May – Our visit to her last month was encouraging, we sang many songs and had a glorious time with her.
- Rogini (Rose) Sachithanatham – It is Rose's prayer that they can attend Church more often. Please pray that Jemimah will enjoy her meals.
- Rosaleen Monteiro – Praise God she came to a service recently. Please continue to pray for strength for her as well as for Monty.
- Mr Albert Grant – He is doing very well. Please pray for helpers to be able to take him to Church on Sunday morning. He's looking forward to start coming to Church when the weather gets better.
- Mr Moses Williams – On the 5th April he had a surprise 83rd birthday party and was grateful to see some of his grandchildren.
- May Gardner – She is very grateful for the numerous visits she's received from members from the Church. Please continue to pray her as she waits for her next appointment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon

Flowers are being provided by the following friends:

Date	Provided by
3rd	Doris Francis
10th	Junior Church Anniversary – Central Baptist Church
17th	Cynthia Burke
24th	Suzanne Gudgeon (in memory of Ken Saunders)
31st	Date Free

Please put your contribution in an envelope with your name and date you are providing flowers and place it in the collection at **least two weeks before** your chosen date. The average cost of providing flowers is £20.00, please consider this when providing on your particular date. If you wish to use one of the 'free dates' for a special celebration, please let me know.

For information: The last Sunday in April, the flowers were provided in memory of Rene Oxley who would have been 101.

Junior Church (All children are welcome)

By Pat Reynolds

There are five different classes, age ranging from 1 year upwards. The children follow teaching based on the Bible. **Prayer:** Sunday 24th May 10.15-10.30am - Led by Magdalene Ogbeifun.

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

❖ **Food Bank** – Please think about giving the food bank ten percent of your shopping this month. God bless you.

❖ **Teen Challenge** – Stratford Drop-In

Some of the guys have been facing challenging times recently but praise God who is able to transform situations. There is nothing impossible for Him to do.

Bus Outreach every Saturday 8.30pm – 11.30pm.
'Drop In' at CBC every Monday 3.00pm – 5.00pm.
Anyone interested in helping should speak to Nab.

❖ **Street Pastors** - CBC Team goes out **every fourth Friday**

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION (CRE) 2015

By Suzanne Gudgeon

Where: Excel - London

When: Tuesday 19th Friday 22nd May

Time: 10.00am - 5.00pm (4.30pm on Friday)

It's a good day out so why not go along. Ticket prices are:

Tickets Prices	On Line Pre-Registered	On the Door
Standard	£5.00	£7.00
Concession Over 60/Students 16 - 18	£4.00	£6.00
Under 16	Free	Free
Groups of 5 or more	£4.00	

To book tickets, log on to website www.creonline.co.uk/
or call 01793 418 218.

CBC Trip To Margate

Please put this date in your diary: Saturday 25th July 2015.

Details will be announced with cost at a later date and printed in our June Central News edition.

If you have an interest or would like to go please give your details to the following who are collating the names:

Suzanne Gudgeon, Pat Turner or Algi Dyer

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Malcolm Boulter will be coming on 18th May to entertain us with his singing and jokes – we are all looking forward to seeing him again – please be prompt 12.00 noon if you can. Please note this will be a week earlier than usual due to Bank Holiday on the last Monday. God Bless.

Junior Church Anniversary

By Pat Reynolds

The Junior Church will soon be celebrating its 161st Anniversary God willing and we do give thanks to the Lord for preserving His ministry among the children. We give thanks also for the many who have passed through the Departments and for those who currently attend Central Baptist Church.

In preparation for our celebration, the children will be learning their lines for plays and sketches. The Church and Hall will be decorated and food purchased, cooked and served.

A list will be placed at the back of the Church to add your name if you are able to help with catering.

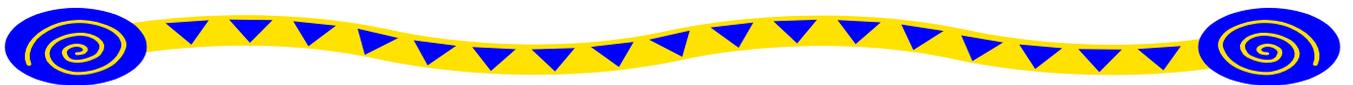
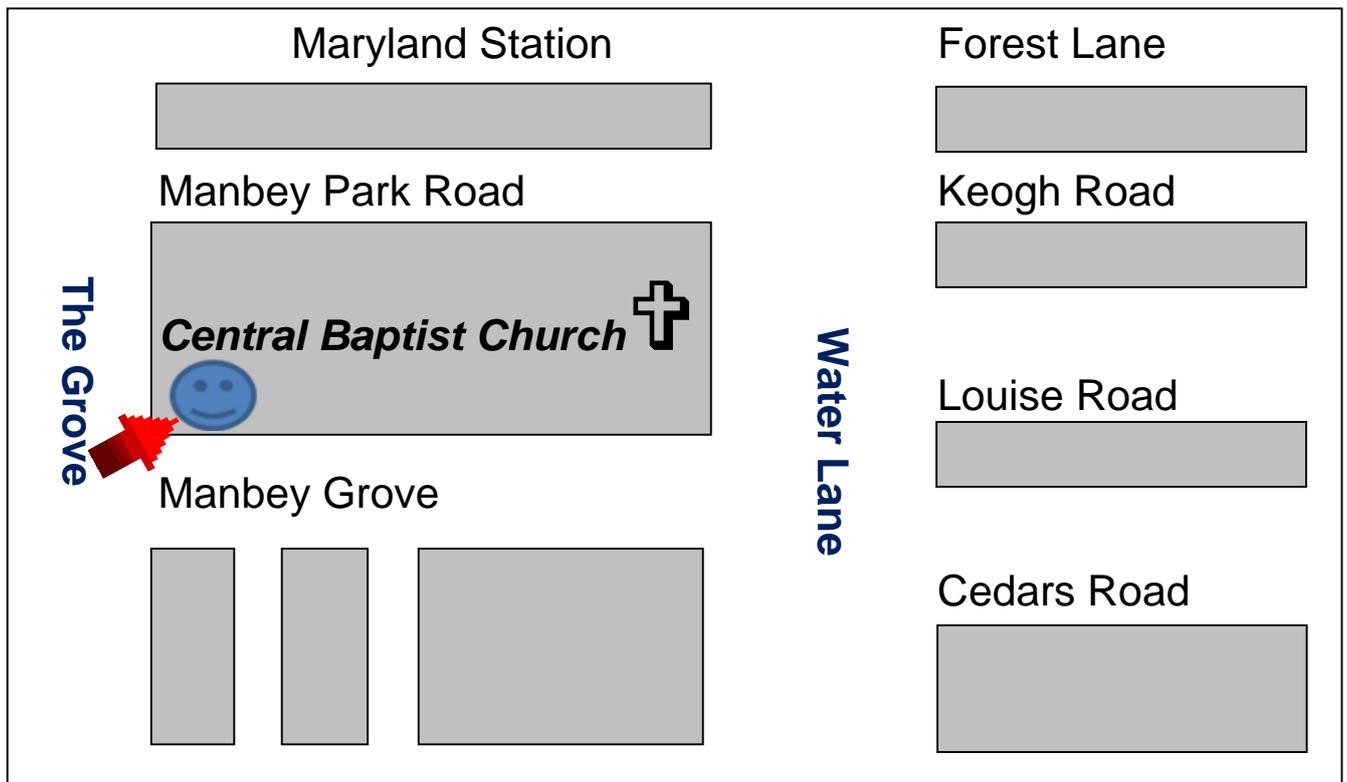
We are counting on your help and support as usual in any way you can serve for our special day on Sunday 10th May at 11.00 am.

Thanks and God bless.

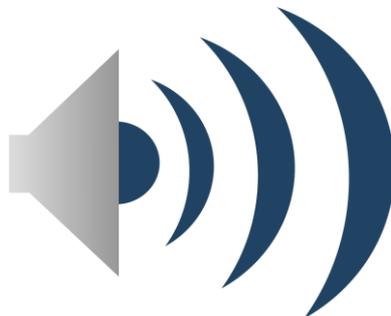
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