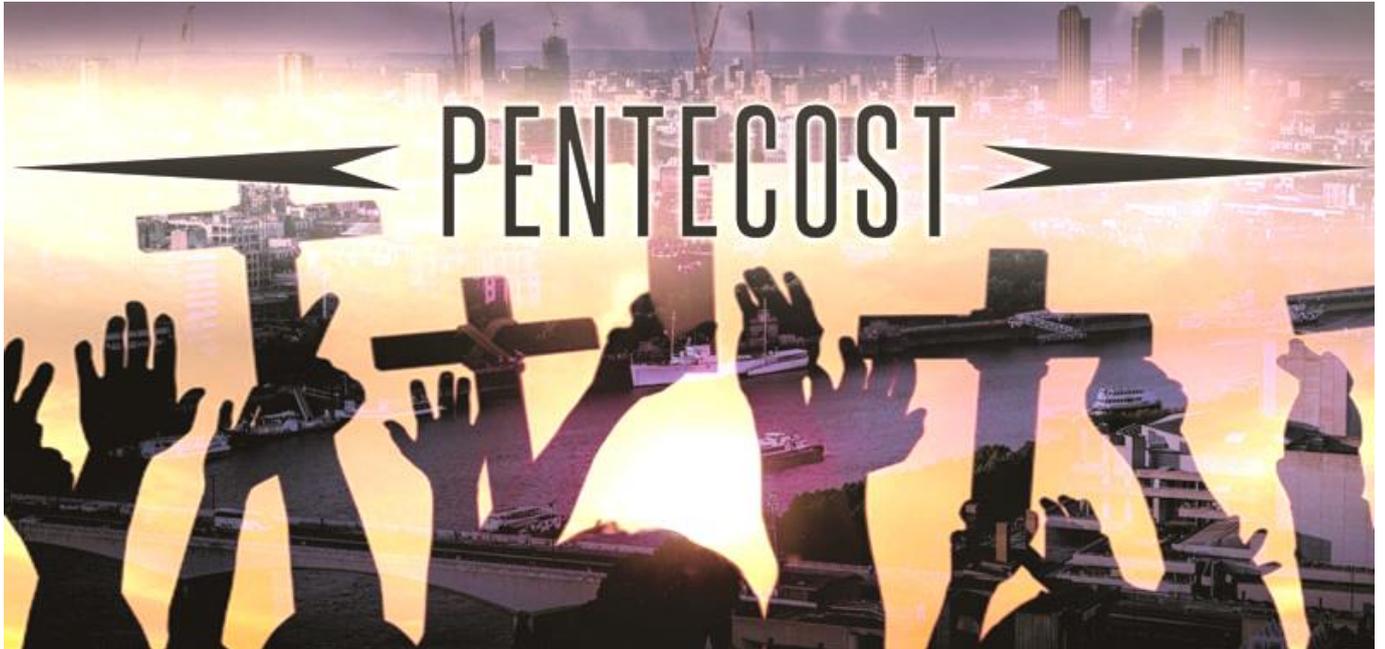


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the out pouring of the Holy Spirit and
the birth of the Church.

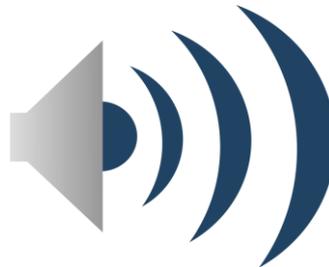
Join us in the morning, at 11am, and in the
evening, at 6pm, as we celebrate and
fellowship together.

Let's pray that the Holy Spirit
will touch us all afresh.

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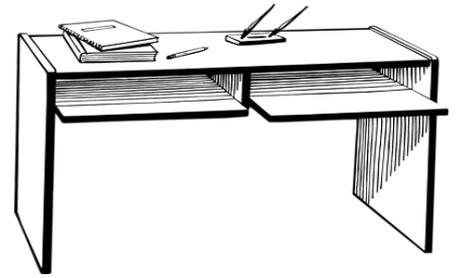
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New series on Joshua now online

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



I know that the Lord has given you this land. Joshua 2:9 (GNB)

As we make our way through the book of Joshua allow me to highlight some of the things we are learning.

- 1. Give priority to God's word and presence.** In chapter 1 God admonishes Joshua to meditate on the Word day and night. In practical terms this means spending time, thought and doing practical things with God.
- 2. Consider what you have got into to.** In Chapter 2, two spies are sent to observe the land God had promised. Are you taking conscious steps to continue your Christian journey or is your faith just coincidental - it happens by chance that do things that favour your faith.
- 3. Not by your power.** In chapter 3 God parts the river Jordan so the children of Israel can pass over. Our relationship with God is a work of grace. Remember the God who brought you to himself is also capable of keeping you to himself.
- 4. Stones of remembrance.** In chapter 4, the children of Israel are requested to take stones from the bed of the parted river Jordan and keep them on the dry land as a way of remembering what the Lord has done. Can you recall the goodness of God in your life? Remembrance is vital to victory and faith.
- 5. Commander of the Lord's Army.** In chapter 5 Joshua observes a man holding a sword. Joshua soon discovers that this man is the commander of God's army. This man is never mentioned or seen again throughout the book of Joshua yet his presence is always there. May God grant us the discernment to see his unseen presence and protection in all that we do.

This will keep us from getting discouraged during troubled times or over confident in the good times.

MAY 2016 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Jane Young

Date	Events & People	Time
Wednesday's 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	Bible Study & Prayer Time (7.30pm Teas & Coffees – Starts at 7.45pm)	7.30pm–9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm
Last Sunday each Month	Visiting Team go out	After Morning Service

Date	Events & People	Time
Sunday 1st Morning	COMMUNION Lead: Tex Reynolds Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Youth Meeting	11.00am After Service
Sunday 1st Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Vivienne Oke	6.30pm
Sunday 8th Morning	Lead: Youth Preach: Sam Nair FAMILY SERVICE Junior Church Anniversary (Meal after service)	11.00am
Sunday 8th Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE	
Friday 13th Evening	Women's Prayer Meeting	8.00pm
Sunday 15th Morning	Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Pastor Dele Oke FAMILY SERVICE Pentecostal Sunday	11.00am
Sunday 15th Evening	Pentecost Evening. Praise, worship & prayer. Please note earlier start	6.00pm Early Start

Date	Events & People	Time
Friday 20th Evening	Deacon's Meeting	8.00pm
Sunday 22nd Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay In	11.00am
Sunday 22nd Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach:	6.30pm
Monday 23rd Afternoon	60's Club	12.00pm
Friday 27th Evening	Pray Night 8.00pm Patricia Antoine-Ramsey 9.00pm Pat Reynolds 10.00pm Grace Adedeji	8.00pm- 11.00pm
Sunday 29th Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay In	11.00am
Sunday 29th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Comfort Ottah	6.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

- Love Stratford Churches together (@ St. John's Church, 1pm) – Saturday 11 June 2016
- Water baptism at CBC – Sunday 26 June (please contact Pastor Dele if you want to be Baptised)
- Church 'spiritual retreat' – Saturday 30 July 2016.

Central News Articles for the **June 2016 Edition**.
Please submit items by **10th May** Or earlier to:
E-mail address: cbcnews@live.com

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Dear Friends

When you think about the coming weeks and months, the lovely sunshine that is guaranteed to us as we move into summer, what hymn would sum up your thoughts. One of my favourite hymns that speaks of God's faithfulness in the different seasons is *Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father (Mission Praise 200)*." And God is indeed faithful in every way.

Easter is now over and in the days ahead we move on to other events that will take place in the coming weeks and months. The first thing we look forward to is the Junior Church Anniversary on 8th May. Please support this special day in their calendar and celebrate with them, and don't forget to get involved in helping in the preparations and enjoy the lovely lunch that is being planned.

Don't forget our Away Day, which will take place on 30th July – Please book up quickly and enjoy a great time of fellowship as we study the scriptures together.

May I encourage you to go along to the Christian Resources Exhibition which is being held once again at Excel in London. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit last and recommend you go along if you can and enjoy a day of looking at all the resources that are available. A separate notice about this is found elsewhere in the magazine.

Please continue to remember the countries where there is difficulties of one sort or another, especially where is conflict, especially the refugee crisis. 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.

REPORTS

Reports from across the Church

Prayer

By Magdalene Ogbeifun

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord.

How time flies. It's almost midyear. Have things got better with time? Are you looking forward to what's round the corner? Has God answered your prayers? If so be liberal with your praise to God who makes all things possible.

However, you may still be waiting for the light at the end of the tunnel, that job, your healing or, whatever you are believing God for. Let's tighten our loins and fervently confess the word of life, God's Word. With joy and thanks giving, let's bring our supplications to God.

Let us pray the following confessions

- It is well with me (in every area of my life-name them).
- I know my redeemer lives and I will yet praise His name, (Job).
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil. For the Lord is with me, with His rod and His staff, He comforts me. Key Text: Psalm 23.
- I shall testify to the goodness of God in the land of the living.
- Thank you Lord for answering our prayers, in Jesus Name we have prayed, Amen.
- We are made more than conquerors through him who loved us: Rom. 8 vs 37
- Be firm in your belief that God will surely come through for you, do not doubt and you shall have what you ask (Jesus Christ).

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (12/04/2016)

- Ethlyn Salmon – The result of a recent hospital check-up was positive showing an improvement in her health. She has been advised to reduce lying down by increasing her sitting up time. Please continue to pray for her and the family.
- Doreen Waterman – She has experienced the Lord's healing in recent weeks. Walking is still difficult and her voice is a bit hoarse. Please pray for healing in these areas as well as for her husband.
- Virginia Reynolds – Our visit to her last month went well with more to praise the Lord for, she recently celebrated her birthday for which we thank the Lord and give Him the glory for His goodness.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – Please continue to pray for the Lord's protection. Uncle Frank celebrated his 86th birthday and He gives thanks for the Lord's goodness.
- Icilda May – Thank God for all His provision for her. She misses going out but she's doing well and is encouraged with the support she is receiving.
- Dorothy Lee – She's feeling better, but please pray for the right people to care for her.
- Mr Moses Williams – Praise God his health has improved for the past few months. Please continue to pray for him.
- May Gardner – The visit to her recently was encouraging and an experience of the true love of the Lord which was revealed through her hospitality. Please continue to pray for complete healing for her.
- Calbert Tucker – He's making progress in his health. May he be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, to see an end to this illness!

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (6th April)

This time last year I was looking forward to coming home from hospital. Today I found myself in the afternoon in a Nursing Home. Fortunately it was only to play the piano for a group who holds a service each month.

I mentioned last month that we were prepared for snow and ice because we were about to visit Norway. It proved to be a most interesting, enjoyable experience with mountains and waterfalls covered by snow and ice. We also saw the illusive *Aura Borealis* [Northern Lights] and obtained certificates to prove we had crossed the Arctic Circle. On Sunday mornings, an International Church Service was held on board - The retiring collections were in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute [RNLI]. St. Agnes RNLI recently received a new inshore Rescue Boat, part of the cost being met by donations from many sources over the past two years of £46,800.

At the first service Psalm 23 was read, the words being so well known that there is a danger of them losing their wonderful significance. During the second service The Seafarer's Version was read:

'The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift. He lighteth me across dark waters. He steereth me in deep channels. He keepeth my log. He guideth me by the star of holiness for His name's sake. Yea, even midst the thunders and tempests of life, I dread no danger; for Thou art with me, Thy love and Thy care, they shelter me. Thou prepares a harbour before me in the homeland of Eternity. Thou anointest the waves with oil - my ship rides calmly. Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take and I will rest in the port of my God forever. Amen'.

One of my duties as a Steward is to sometimes operate the amplification equipment which has just been updated with new microphones and recording on discs rather than cassettes. Our very capable organist, minister and one other would play the electric organ using discs. But they are all way on the same Sunday this month, guess who has been asked to play!! I am very aware of the consequences of my pressing the wrong button, however, in the words of the Psalmist 'I dread no danger'.

A Prayer: Lord where we think we are sent, make us ready to receive, when we are keen to teach, make up ready to learn. Prepare us for your way, O Lord.

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

At our next meeting we welcome back David Driver as our speaker. We are looking forward to having a good time with him and his wife Jenny. It would be great to see you there – so please put the date and time in your diary – **Monday 23rd May at 12.00 noon**. A warm welcome awaits you God bless.

Other Events

By Nab Mills-Robertson

Outreach

- **Food Bank** – Please see Claudette Burke and Lillieth Adebisi if you want to assist.
- **Teen Challenge** – **Stratford Drop-In:** We have seen two of the quest giving their life to the Lord. Please continue to pray for the ministry.

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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Leadership/Central News Team

We would like to acknowledge Gabrielle Owoh had a birthday on 11 April. Thank you for passing on your birthday details.

To help us keep our birthday and anniversary list up to date – please let us know if you are not mentioned below or would like to be mentioned in the month of your birthday. Please email us at cbcnews@live.com. Alternatively kindly inform Pastor Dele, Vivienne or directly – Algi or Cynthia. Thank you.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Dele Olajide	13th	Isaac Ampofo
1st	Allen Olatuja	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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Harriet & Nab Mills-Robertson	29
3rd	Elizabeth & Godwin Falade	36
6th	Kathleen & Colin Lucking	55

EARLY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Osaretin Ehigie	3rd	Peter Sesay
2nd	Efua Mills-Robertson	3rd	Osasu Ehigie
2nd	Sharon Nziramasanga		

NO EARLY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

Junior Church Anniversary

By Pat Reynolds

The Junior Church will be celebrating its 162nd Anniversary on 8th May. The theme this year is 'Daniel a man after God's own heart'. In preparation for this, the children will be learning their lines for plays and sketches.

After the service, lunch will be provided for the church. We are counting on your support as usual in any way you can.

If you are able to help with, serving, decorating the hall, cleaning please let me know. Thank you and God bless.

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon



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

Date	Provided by
1st	Doris Francis
8th	Junior Church Anniversary – Central Baptist Church
15th	Cynthia Burke
22nd	Suzanne & Irene Gudgeon (in memory of Ken Saunders)
29th	DATE FREE

As you can see from the list above, there is one date available for anyone to use for a special occasion, birthday, anniversary etc. If you would like to use this date, please let me know.

Please could you put your contribution in an envelope with your name and date you are providing flowers, place it in the collection, at least two weeks before the date you have selected. God bless you all and thank you for your support in this ministry.

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CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION 2016

By Suzanne Gudgeon

Where: Excel, London

When: Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th May

*Time: Tuesday & Wednesday 11am–6.30pm,
Thursday 11am–8pm & Friday 11am–4pm*

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Ticket prices	On-line pre-registered	By phone	On the door
Standard	£5.00	£6.00	£7.00
Concession (over 60, students 16-18 years)	£4.00	£5.00	£6.00
Under 16s	Free	Free	Free
Groups of 5+	£4.00		

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CBC Spiritual Away Day

Saturday 30th July 2016 - CBC Spiritual Away Day

Venue: GILWELL PARK, Chingford, London E4 7QW

Central Baptist Church will be taking a 'Spiritual Day Out'.

Have you already booked your place with Algi or Suzanne?

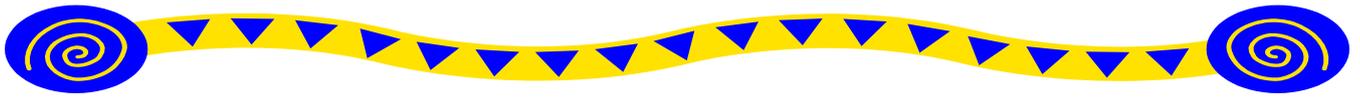
The cost for this Away Day has been subsidised by CBC for the day as follows:

- **Adults to pay £10.00 each**
- **Children (18 years and under) to pay £3.00 each**

Your transport there is paid – we have booked a coach. If you are making your own way there, please indicate this on the booking form you would have been given.

- Your lunch is also included in the price.

Further information will be announced nearer the time.



Where to find us...(Buses: 69, 257 stops outside)

