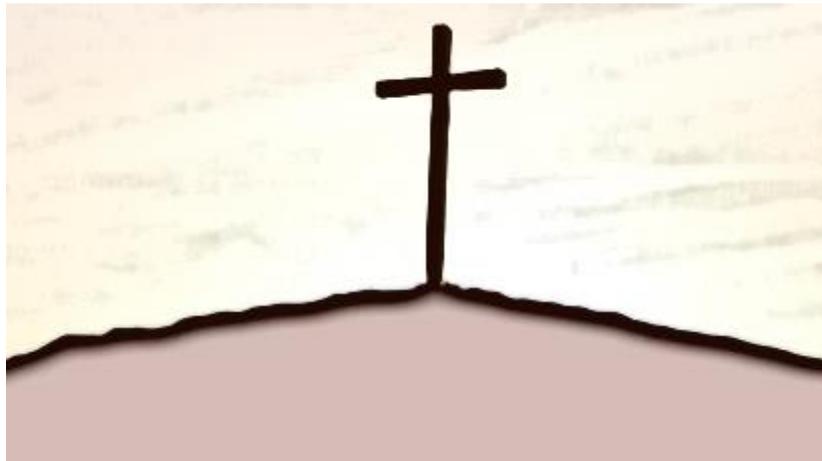


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Son of God as well as the Messiah (Christ), was arrested, tried, and sentenced by Pontius Pilate to be scourged, and finally crucified by the Romans



The Death of Jesus

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:28-30 New International Version (NIV)

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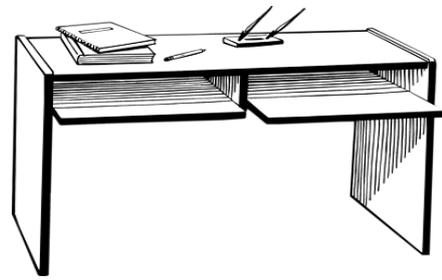
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



Easter – The value of your life

It all began many centuries ago. A little known man called Abraham received a strange message from God. Abraham was to take his son, Isaac, and offer him as a burnt offering (Genesis 22).

Sarah must have looked on suspiciously as she watched a worried Abraham loading the donkey with the wood as he prepared to go and offer a sacrifice. We do not know if he had told anyone what he intended to do. I doubt it. Sarah however would have sensed that all was not well with Abraham.

After three days of travelling they finally arrived at the mountain. Those must have been the three longest days in Abraham's life. As far as he was concerned his son was dead.

I am sure there must have been tears in Abraham's eyes as he lifted up the knife to slay his son. Words cannot describe the relief he felt when God substituted his son for a ram. Read Genesis 22 for the whole story.

After that incidence, every time an Israelite offered a ram or animal as a sacrifice to God they saw its worth as the worth of Abraham's son.

The Israelites knew the worth of their sacrifices. They were grateful that all they needed to offer was an animal. Abraham's obedience had paid the ultimate sacrifice for them.

Jesus' obedience paid the ultimate sacrifice for us. He made our lives worth something. In fact, when God sees you He sees someone who was worth His son dying for. Have you ever considered yourself that important?

You are very precious. Live your life as someone who means much to God. Easter reminds us of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Easter is all about Jesus dying and being raised to life again on the third day.

Easter reminds us of how much God thinks of us, and how much we mean to Him. It is also a period to remember that we live by the life of another.

MARCH 2016 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Algi Dyer

| Date | Events & People | Time |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| Wednesday's 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th | 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 |
| | | |
| Friday 4th Evening | Deacon's Meeting | 8.00pm |
| Saturday 5th Evening | Church Meeting | 3.30pm-5.00pm |
| Sunday 6th Morning | FAMILY SERVICE MOTHER'S DAY Lead: Vivienne Oke / Pat Turner Preach: Pastor Dele Oke | 11.00am |
| Sunday 6th Evening | Visit a Mum Evening No Evening Service | No Service |
| Tuesday 8th Evening | CBC – Men Host Steve York Event | 7.30pm |
| Friday 11th Evening | Women's Prayer Meeting | 8.00pm-9.00pm |
| Saturday 12th Afternoon | Bible Encounter (Church Bible Study) | 3.30pm |
| Sunday 13th Morning | Lead: Tex Reynolds Preach: Les Isaac 13+ Stay In | 11.00am |
| Sunday 13th Evening | Lead: Jane Young Preach: TBA | 6.30pm |

| Date | Events & People | Time |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | |
| Saturday 19th March 11am | Evangelism | 11.00am |
| Sunday 20th Morning | PALM SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pastor Dele Oke | 11.00am |
| Sunday 20th Evening | Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Esther Madu | 6.30pm |
| Monday 21st Afternoon | 60's Club | 12.00pm |
| | | |
| Friday 25th Morning Service | GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Pastor Dele Oke | 10.30am- 11.30am |
| Friday 25th Easter Friday Prayer Evening | PRAYER NIGHT (GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE) | 8.30pm- 10.00pm |
| Sunday 27th Morning | EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke | 11.00am |
| Sunday 27th Evening | EASTER SUNDAY Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pastor Dele Oke | 6.30pm |

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Dear Friends

*God is good, we sing and shout it, God is good, we celebrate
God is good, no more we doubt it, God is good, we know it's true*

Do you believe that? This is a chorus from a song that I remember singing some years ago, and I know we have moved on with the songs that we sing today, but I think you will completely agree with me, that God is good! He is good to each one of us in providing for our needs, every single day. We have so much to thank God for, for all His goodness. God cannot be anything but good. I am sure like me, you thank God daily for all that He does.

Prayer is a very good way of supporting each other. I know I have some very good prayer buddies, who have been praying with me and for me and other situations I have shared. Prayer does change things, and I can prove it. So may I encourage you to pray regularly for all in the fellowship – you never know what they are going through.

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.

As mentioned in last months magazine, the Women's World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday 4th March – please see the separate article about this. I hope some of you will be able to come and support this.

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 (8th February)

At the moment it is definitely not the time to go on the beach!! The high winds are gusting up to 70 mph resulting in waves of up to 20 metres/60 feet in some areas. This morning the BBC Cornwall reported roads being closed by flooding and fallen trees and 1500 people without electricity.

This week in addition to the usual church activities there is a funeral service and on another day a service of Celebration for the life lived by one of our members. On Sunday morning we have Breakfast Church at 9am and at 10.am a United Service led by our minister Revd. Simon Clarke who is also the Circuit Superintendent. This means that the other churches in the Circuit will be joining with us together with the C of E Churches in St. Agnes and Mount Hawke. The service will include Communion. We expect around 200 will be present.

One of our friends had an operation on her arm on Monday and will have her arm in a sling for a month or so and is staying with us for a few days. Having only the use of one hand makes easy things like tying shoe laces, doing up buttons and taking your watch off and many other things a real problem. A reminder to us of the many things we take for granted.

On Sunday 21st members of the congregation will be taking part in the service. I will have the opportunity of mentioning the conversion of Helen Shapiro who found the Kingdom of Heaven which led her to singing The Pearl, the chorus being 'And oh, don't you know I've found it Eternity's treasure - the light of the world. I'm going to build my life around it. The Kingdom of Heaven - the Pearl. Read Matthew 13/44 and 45. Helen's story is both interesting and challenging and can be found on Google. I was fortunate to be present many years ago at a meeting when Helen sang The Pearl and many other songs relating to her Jewish background.

A Prayer: God of love, we pray for the life of your Church throughout the world. May every congregation be a community of love and every Christian a witness to your grace. Renew all who worship in the place we attend that we may be a living fellowship and serve our neighbourhood. Your kingdom come. Your will be done.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

By Leadership/Central News Team

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

| Date | | Date | |
|------|------------------|------|-------------------------|
| 2nd | Estina Grant | 26th | Steve York |
| 4th | Richard Oguntona | 26th | Dawn Lennon |
| 16th | Pat Reynolds | 27th | Fiona Gray |
| 18th | Alan Davies | 27th | Leah Murray |
| 20th | Osaze Ehigie | 28th | Harriet Mills-Robertson |
| 23rd | Comfort Ottah | 28th | Stanley Nziramasanga |
| 23rd | Philip Thomas | 30th | Reenell Roach-Williams |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

| Date | | Years |
|------|---------------------------|-------|
| 13th | Doreen and Ralph Waterman | 51 |
| 16th | Linda and Jim Fuller | 48 |

EARLY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| Date | | Date | |
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| 1st | Virginia Reynolds (Mrs) | | |
| 5th | Tex Reynolds | | |

NO EARLY APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

**BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FROM ALL OF US AT
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REPORTS

Reports from across the Church

Prayer

By Magdalene Ogbeifun

We are truly blessed to have a saviour who loves us so much that He died for us. More striking is that, He did this while we were yet sinners (liars, thieves, fornicators, adulterers, and, selfish, greedy, vain, intolerant judgemental, etc, etc). As Easter approaches, we are reminded of this great sacrifice. How many of us make an effort to remain clean?

STOP NOW and PRAY – That Christ will find us faultless when he comes or calls us home.

What will He say of you? John 1 vs 47 (NKJV) – “Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!” (i.e. no guile, one who is sincere or not trying to manipulate others).

Can Jesus say this about you? Also see Psalm 32 vs 10. This Easter season, let us reflect on our thoughts and our actions (behaviour).

STOP NOW and PRAY – For the spirit of humility that will allow us to see room for improvement in our lives (both individually and corporately).

NOW PRAY using Psalm 139 vs 23-24 (NKJV)

“23. Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; 24. And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.” Amen.

AND THAT

- God will cleanse us and heal us.
- God will pour his refreshing upon us.
- That we may overflow with the Father’s LOVE
- That we may be bound with cords of PEACE and UNITY that cannot be broken.

REMEMBER: We are nothing but for the Grace of God. To Him be the glory and honour and praise, in Jesus Name, Amen.

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (13/02/2016)

- Ethlyn Salmon – Please pray for her as she relies on the Lord for her strength and healing. With all the difficulties she's gone through, she has been determined and she knows her redeemer lives.
- Doreen Waterman – She still has difficulties with her lungs, which she will see the Doctor next month to assess how to proceed with treatment. Please pray for this appointment and her husband who is suffering from his knee injury.
- Virginia Reynolds – Please continue to pray for her to be strengthened by the Lord.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – Myrtle is going through a series of check-ups to assist her in her healing. Please pray that the right treatment will be given to her.
- Icilda May – She is growing in strength each day and although she can't get about, she's full of joy for the assistance she's receiving. Please pray for her carers.
- Dorothy Lee – There has been unforeseen circumstances as of late. Please pray for her to get continued assistance.
- Mr Moses Williams – He's doing well and expresses an interest to attend church. Please pray that we will manage to get the church close by to assist him in this.
- May Gardner – She's been doing well by His grace. Please continue to pray for total healing.
- Calbert Tucker – Please ask the Lord to intervene on his behalf so he can receive His miraculous healing.
- Freddie Bongomin – Please pray for the Lord to restore Freddie's strength, and return him to complete health.

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Malcolm Boulter will be entertaining us at the Over 60's on 21st March (a week early because the last Monday is Easter Monday) and hope to have a good attendance. God bless

Junior Church

By Pat Reynolds

Junior Church Prayers - Sunday 27th March at 10.15 -10.30am
Led by Efua Mills-Robinson.

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've been witnessing the gracious hand of the Lord; although it's difficult sometimes, we've learnt how to be patient and wait for the Lord's deliverance.

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

Thank You - Night Shelter

By CBC Night Shelter coordinators

Myself (Algi), Steve Cooper and Patricia Antoine-Ramsey would like to formally **thank you all** so very much for supporting this years' Night Shelter at our Church and for your generous contributions, and most of all the **'time' you gave, to give the guests a welcoming safe time at the Central.** The Guests were very appreciative of the meals we had at Central and expressed their thanks.

Invitation to the NEWway End of Circuit Celebration event

By NEWway Project Administrator

Please see note below from NEWway Night Shelter:

'Dear NEWway Host Church Leaders and Shift Coordinators,

As our 2015/16 winter night shelter circuit is now drawing to a close end of February, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the time, energy and generosity you have poured into making this mission happen. Because of your service, we have so far been able to look after 78 guests and support 20 people to secure move on accommodation so they will not have to go back to sleeping on the cold dangerous streets again.

Invite:

To mark the end of the winter, we would like to **invite** you all to join us for an end of **circuit celebration event from 6pm-8pm on Saturday 5th March 2016 at the Salvation Army, Paul Street Stratford.** We will be sharing food together, watching a video of our guests' testimonies and sharing our plans for ways we can continue supporting homeless adults in Newham throughout the year.'

Thank You

By Monty Monteiro

To: Central Baptist Church

From: Fundagdo Lar Evangtico Portuguos Apartado

Date: 19th January 2016

Dear Friends,

We acknowledge the precious gift, sent on the current month, through our dear Friend Mr. Arlindo (Monty) Monteiro, in order to help support the Home. We express our gratitude, and we are very thankful for your friendship towards the Home.

We appreciate your prayer, and your love, and we thank God for all the Friends that collaborate with us along the year 2015! May God continue to bless you and all the families from the Church! We send to you our warmest greetings in the Lord and our profoundest appreciation from all the children, young people and the co-workers.

Yours in His service

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Women's World Day of Prayer is an annual event that takes place on the first Friday in March and all over the world women are praying. What a wonderful thought to know that and what an encouragement it is to all of us. So on Friday 4th March the Women's World Day of Prayer will take place in our area. Details are:

Venue: Woodgrange Baptist Church, Romford Road

Time: 2.00pm

Country: Cuba

Theme: Receive Children, Receive Me



It will be great to see you if you could join us. If you would like more information, then please come have a word with me. Thank you.

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon



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

| Date | Provided by |
|------|---|
| 6th | Suzanne & Irene Gudgeon. |
| 13th | Claudette Ramsey (in memory of Aaron-grandson). Doreen Waterman. |
| 20th | DATE FREE. |
| 27th | Central Baptist Church (Easter Sunday). |

As you can see from the list above, there is a 'date free'.

Do you have something special to celebrate, a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion, then why not provide flowers in the church to celebrate. It is a lovely way to celebrate by sharing with the church through the Ministry of Flowers. Want to know more, please have a word with me – I will be happy to speak with you.

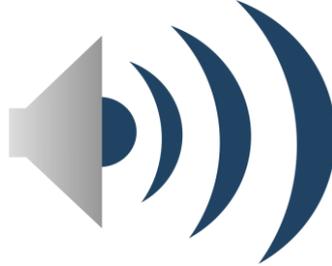
Please could you put your contribution in an envelope with your name and the date you are providing flowers, and place it in the collection at least two weeks or hand it to me, before the date you have selected.

God bless you all and thank you for your support in this ministry.

REMEMBER:

**British Summer Time. Clocks change at 1.00am (01:00)
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Turn your Clocks Forward 1 hour**

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