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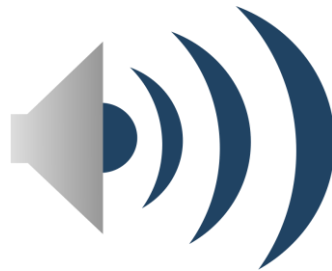
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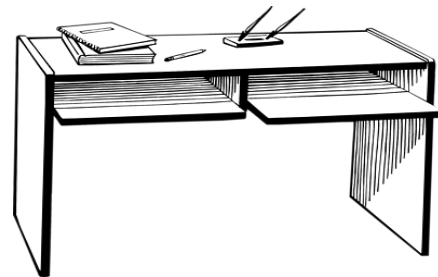
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



(Continued from last month)

Before God created anything He existed. Yet it is because God is a Trinity that he was neither alone, purposeless or bored before creation. God was capable of having love, fellowship and purpose all within Himself. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit had communion. God did not need mankind to have fellowship because He is a Trinity.

Although we may not fully comprehend the Trinity we can appreciate the awesomeness of it.

The Father is God (Romans 1:7; Galatians 1:1)

The Son is God (1 John 5:20, John 1:1-4, 14)

The Holy Spirit is God (Genesis 1:2; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 3:17)

We see the Trinity in the creation of the world (Genesis 1:1-3; John 1:1-3), and in our salvation and baptism into Christ:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**.
(Matthew 28:19 ESV)

And we also witness the Trinity in the pouring out of gifts upon the church:

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same **Spirit**; and there are varieties of service, but the same **Lord**; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same **God** who empowers them all in everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:4-4 ESV)

The Lord Jesus Christ gives us access to the Father and the Holy Spirit sustains and empowers us along the journey.

In Christ Jesus you are in good company. You have the Father, Son and Holy Spirit with you and in you – perfect.

AUGUST 2016 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Algi Dyer

Date	Events & People	Time
1st Sunday each month	COMMUNION	Evening
Wednesday's 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st	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
Saturday 6th Evening	CBC Youth Concert UPROAR Worship Concert	5.30pm-9.30pm
Sunday 7th Morning	FAMILY SERVICE Lead: Shade Igali & Osaze Ehigie Preach:	11.00am
Sunday 7th Evening	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	6.30pm
Sunday 14th Morning	COMMUNION Lead: Benson Adedeji Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 14th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: To be announced	6.30pm
Saturday 20th Afternoon	CHURCH BARBECUE	10.00am Set Up 1.00pm Start
Sunday 21st Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Joseph Boadu 13+ Stay In	11.00am
Sunday 21st Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: To be announced	6.30pm

Date	Events & People	Time
Monday 22nd Afternoon	Over 60's Club	12.00pm
Friday 26th Evening	Prayer Night 8.00pm Ayo Oke 9.00pm Benson Adedeji 10.00pm Vivienne Oke	8.00pm– 11.00pm
Sunday 28th Morning	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00pm
Sunday 28th Evening	Lead: To be announced Preach: To be announced	6.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

- Youth Concert – Saturday 6th August
- Church BBQ – Saturday 20th August
- Water Baptism – Sunday 4th September

STAINED GLASS FEATURE WINDOW REPAIR: Work began on Monday 11th July to repair the stained glass window. This is expected to take approximately 4 weeks. Please continue to work with us as we endeavour to complete this work with minimum disturbance to our Church Services and events. Please note, there will be no seating upstairs while these works are in progress.

REPAIR AND PAINTING: The leak has been repaired. Repairs to fix the damage to the wall will begin in line with the replacement of the stained glass panels early August. The repair will incorporate repainting.

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Suzanne Gudgeon



Dear Friends

Standing on the promises of Christ my King

This hymn (MP932) is not sung so often these days but if you look at the words, you will see how lovely it is – Standing on God's Promises. God is a God of promises and there are so many in the Scriptures, you could find one for every day of the year and still find more. I think the most famous or well-known promise in the bible is 'I will never leave you or forsake you' – do you know where it is? I leave you to do some searching. It is good to search the scriptures.

By the time this issue of the magazine is published, our Church Away Day would have taken place. I am sure it will be a good day of fellowship and we will look back to the day with thankfulness. And later this month we have our annual barbecue. In early September we will be having a baptismal service and then in October, we as a Church will celebrate our anniversary – giving thanks to God for another year of His goodness to us as a church and enabling us to be a witness in the local community. There will be other activities as well.

Please continue to pray for the UK, following the fallout from the EU Referendum. There are many unknowns but we have a God who knows everything and I know He will be with us in them.

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

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

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. God has always been with us and He will never leave us nor forsake us. Faithful God you are worthy of our praise.

The vote to leave the EU has come in. What happens now? The fact is ONLY GOD KNOWS!

Thank God the only vote that counts in the house of God is the will of God. What is the will of God? Love God above all and put God first. Love your neighbour as yourself. Do unto others what you want others to do unto you. Judge not for the measure with which you judge will be the measure with which you are judged. Above all, love one another as I have loved you. In all we do if we seek the will of God and put our trust in Him, we will be effective in our prayers and get answers. We at the CBC must be united in the will of God.

- Pray for God's will to be done in our midst and to know the will of God.
- Pray for peace and stability in the UK as we face the consequences/outcome of the 'leave' result.
- Pray for peace and unity in our homes and in our church.
- Pray for our leaders and for us to know how to encourage them.
- Pray for the wellbeing of others out of love, (for God to bless them and not complaining to God about them).
- Add your individual request here.
- Now thank God He has answered our prayers.

Psalm 133:1-3 (NKJV) 'Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity for there the Lord commanded the blessing'. (Read Psalm 122 also). Always remember to thank God for answered prayers in advance. If we believe, He will do it.

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (15/06/2016)

- Ethlyn Salmon – She's encouraging and believes that the Lord will see her through as she brings everything before Him in prayer. Her prayer is that the Lord will continue to strengthen her husband and son who take care of her.
- Doreen Waterman – She is keeping well and feels better than the previous month but loses her voice sometimes. Please pray that her visit to the doctor at the end of this month will bring progress to her health.
- Virginia Reynolds – We pray that the carers will be consistently devoted and will give her the best care she deserves. Do pray for strength for her daughter Anne Marie and the rest of the family as they support her.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – Myrtle was admitted to hospital but has been discharged and is now at home. Please pray that the Lord will renew their strength.
- Icilda May – She is doing fine and we pray that she will feel God's presence as she receives the Lord's truth from Premier Radio and Christian channels.
- Mr Moses Williams – He is keeping well. Do pray for good and devoted carers to assist him. Please continue to pray for his wife who is in hospital, that God will renew her strength.
- May Gardner – Let's continue to give thanks to the Lord for her healing and strength, as she gets stronger each day.
- Calbert Tucker – His mother Rose informs us that he is so grateful to the Lord for the steady improvement in answer to prayer. Do continue to pray that the Lord will bring him through. Glory be to the Lord's name
- Dorothy – A recent visit brought great joy to her as she gets very few visitors and is not able to go out often therefore feels lonely. Please pray for her to experience the presence of God moment by moment

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (5th July)

When I retired way back in January 1999 the family took me on a surprised trip to Paradise Wildlife Park in Herts. This resulted in my finding myself in a cage with two keepers and Rocky an 11th month tiger weighing 16 stone. He was only interested in a bottle of milk I was holding. Daniel had a far more dangerous experience after having been thrown into a den of lions because he insisted in praying to God.

The Book of Daniel Chapter 6 is well worth reading and refers to laws which cannot be changed. We now know the result of the EU referendum which I understand cannot be changed. Some of the consequences are known and no doubt there are many more to come. Daniel kept on praying before and after entering the lion's den. Whatever our views are of the outcome of the referendum surely it is our duty to pray for those who have the responsibility of leading our country. Cornish farmers, fishermen, people involved in tourism and hospital staff to name just a few, have concerns as to the future.

St Agnes Methodist Church annual gift day raised £3,065 and the coffee morning a further £175. A long awaited claim for a grant has been successful and almost £9000 is available to decorate the lounge adjoining the church and completely replace the existing kitchen area.

Teagle Machinery Ltd is a local world class engineering company. Our grandson Alfie is undergoing a week of work experience at the moment and after work hours getting some surfing practise.

A PRAYER: Grant to us, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right; that we, who can do no good thing without You, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will. Amen.

PS. A chapel had to have an organ blower to provide wind who often continued after the hymn was sung. The organist wrote a note and asked a steward to give it to the blower. Unfortunately, it was given to the minister. It said "Will you, please shut your row. People come here to hear me play not listen to the dreadful noise you make!"

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Our 60's Club meeting on 22nd August will be led into gentle exercise by John Strange. We are looking forward to seeing him again and hope many of our members will be able to attend to support John. God bless.

Junior Church Summer Activities

By Efua Mills-Robertson

This year the Junior Church will be hosting a week of activities for all children. From 15th to 19th August there will be arts and craft activities, service work such as car washing and helping with bagging groceries at Stratford. In addition, there will be trips to the forest and Adventure Island in Southend. Parents will receive word on the timings and cost of the week in due course.

Volunteers will be needed to help support the activities and trips. If you have been DBS checked and would like to help, please let a member of the Junior Church Team know.

Other Events

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

❖ **Food Bank** – In our recent Church Meeting it was suggested that we should start contributing food items to those who are in need. Can I please remind everyone that the Food Bank is for exactly that purpose. It would be very encouraging if we could support and contribute towards that cause. Please speak to Sister Claudette Burke and Lillieth Adebiji.

❖ **Teen Challenge – Stratford Drop-In**: We asked you to pray for Siva last month as he tried to get things sorted in his life. Unfortunately, we've not heard from him for two weeks. Please pray for the Lord's protection. On a positive note a lady called Angela gave her life to Christ.

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**

INSPIRATION AT WESTFIELD

By Suzanne Gudgeon

InSpiration is a multi-faith worship and prayer area, and a quiet space for the shoppers of Westfield Stratford City. It is a private space in the bustling centre where you can drop in for some quiet time or to speak to one of the volunteer chaplains managing the space.

The space is open to people of all faiths and none. It is staffed from 11.00am to 7.00pm daily, by a team of volunteers.

More people are needed to volunteer on a rota basis. It will be good if more people from the Central can help. It is a good way of serving the Lord so if you feel you can help in this way, please have a word with me.

Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Leadership/Central News Team

Correction for July's birthdate: Evan Taylor's birthday is 28 July. Nadine Patterson also celebrated her birthday on 15 July.

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 Algi. Thank you.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Rachel Reynolds	20th	John Oke
1st	Hannah Brown	25th	Mrs Lee Jones
4th	Myrtle Smith	25th	Michael Conteh
6th	Sue Ang	29th	Rose Ramnath
8th	Augusta Ehigie	29th	Zara Sofo-Wuni Issahaku
19th	Sylvia Turner	31st	Nenyi Mills-Robertson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
10th	Grace & Benson Adedeji	26
27th	Jackie & Oscar Trotman	22

EARLY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
3rd	Rogini(Rose)Sachithanantham	5th	Glad Paul-Emerald
3rd	Colin Lucking	6th	Issahaku Sofo-Wuni
4th	Andrew Brown	6th	Lynsey Man

EARLY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Doreen & Ron Meloy	55
2nd	Rogini (Rose) & Vellupillai Sachithanantham	10
3rd	Dot & Brian Sheekey	56
4th	Folu & Allen Olatuja	12

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

Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne Gudgeon

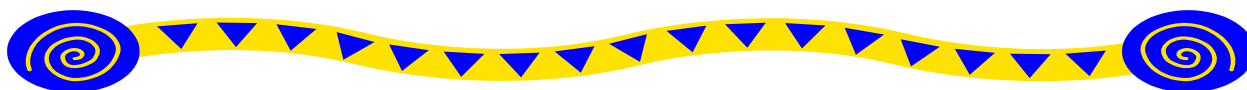


This month the flowers are being provided by the following friends:

Date	Provided by
7th	Myrtle Smith
14th	DATE FREE
21st	DATE FREE
28th	Central Baptist Church

If you would like to contribute to the ministry of flowers to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion, please 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, before the date you have selected. As you can see there are two dates available.

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



UNITY

Ephesians 4 (NIV)

[**Unity** and Maturity in the Body of Christ] As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the **unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

2 Chronicles 30:12

Also in Judah the hand of God was on the people to give them **unity** of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the LORD.

Psalm 133:1

[*Psalm 133*] [*A song of ascents. Of David.*] How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in **unity**!

John 17:23

I in them and you in me — so that they may be brought to complete **unity**. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

1 Corinthians 12:12

[*Unity and Diversity in the Body*] Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

Ephesians 1:10

to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment — to bring **unity** to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

Ephesians 4:1

[*Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ*] As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Ephesians 4:3

Make every effort to keep the **unity** of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:13

until we all reach **unity** in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Philippians 4:1

[*Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity*] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Colossians 3:14

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect **unity**.

