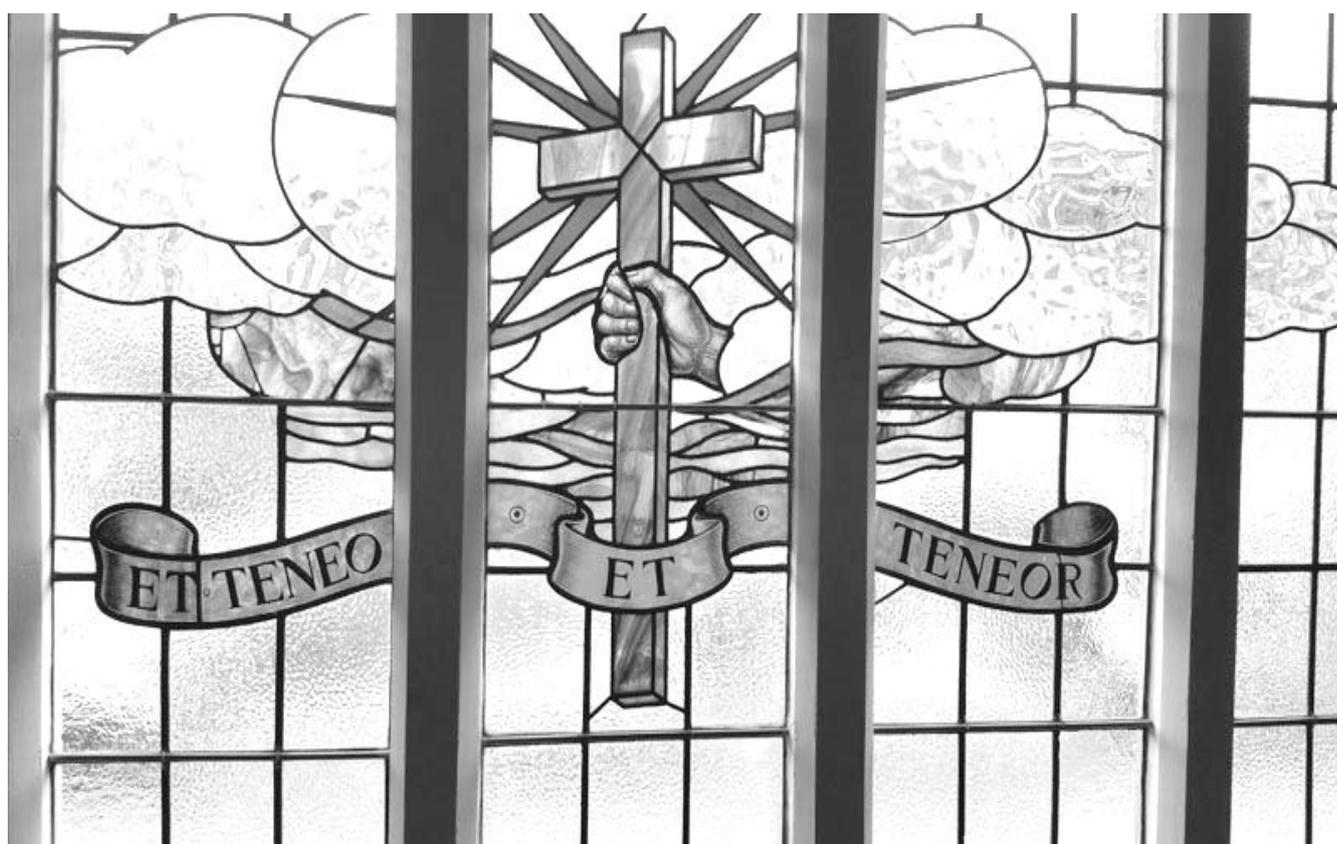


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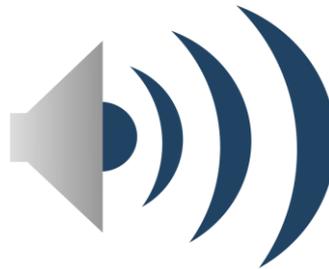
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You can listen to most of our **Sunday messages Online.**

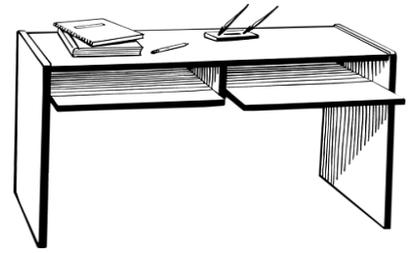
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Central News Articles for the **November 2016 Edition.** Please submit items by **10th October** or earlier to: E-mail address: cbcnews@live.com

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



Church Anniversary – Celebrating 164 years

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Psalm 90:1-2 (ESV)

As we celebrate 164 years of Central Baptist Church presence in Stratford, Psalm 90 reminds us of the Lord who has been here forever and who will always be.

Take a close look at our recently restored stained glass window at the front of the church and you will notice the Latin words:

Et Teneo Et Teneor

These words appear below a hand holding the cross. It was designed by G.D. Leslie in the 19th century and attempts to illustrate the desire, that every person in Christ should hold the Truth, and be held by the truth that Christ was crucified and is risen again.

A simple English rendering could read:

I hold and am held by Christ

If you look closer at our stained windows you will see the words 'I both hold and am held'. The implication being that while we hold Christ in our hearts by faith, we are fully aware that He Himself is holding and sustaining us by His power and Grace. Our walk with Christ is a two-way partnership. We have a responsibility to be willing and ready to obey and serve Him, Christ has the ability and power to give us the grace and strength to live as a child of God. A modern day reading of this could go:

In Christ, With Christ and For Christ

It is not the length of time we spend on earth that matters the most, but rather what we do with the time. Only living for Christ can make our time on earth worth something glorious in the eternal future.

Hold Christ and be held by Him.

OCTOBER 2016 – DIARY AT A GLANCE

Deacon on Duty: Jane Young

Date	Events & People	Time
1st Sunday each month	COMMUNION	Evening
Wednesday's 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th.	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 2nd Morning	Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Niyi Ayandokun	11.00am
Sunday 2nd Evening	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Tex Reynolds	6.30pm
Saturday 8th Afternoon	Men's Meeting	4.00pm
Sunday 9th Morning	FAMILY SERVICE CHURCH ANNIVERSARY (Church Meal) Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am
Sunday 9th Evening	NO EVENING SERVICE	
Friday 14th Evening	Women's Meeting	8pm

Date	Events & People	Time
Sunday 16th Morning	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Bible Study Leader's Meeting	11.00am 1.30pm-2.20pm
Sunday 16th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Esther Madu-Kwatamdia	6.30pm
Saturday 22nd Afternoon	G.A.P. Women's Conference	12.00pm-4.30pm
Sunday 23rd Morning	Lead: Benson Adedeji Preach: Guest Speaker	11 am
Sunday 23rd Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Michael Conteh	6.30pm
Friday 28th Evening	PRAYER NIGHT 8.00pm Patricia Antoine-Ramsey 9.00pm Grace Adedeji 10.00pm Vivienne Oke	8.00pm-11.00pm
Sunday 30th Morning	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Pastor Dele Oke BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH 13+ Stay in	11.00am
Sunday 30th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Dorcas Olakunbi	6.30pm
Monday 31st Afternoon	Over 60's Club	12.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

Flat Roof (This covers the Offices/Toilets/Foyer):

The Flat Roof of the Office is being replaced. The works has commenced. However, can all those using the building, especially the room upstairs, remember to close and shut the windows when leaving.

November will be our Month of Prayer. Our Fridays and some Saturdays will be devoted to Church prayer and worship times. All team leaders please note. More details to follow in November diary

Election of Deacons. On **Sunday 27 November** there will be a Church meeting to elect new deacons immediately after the service. More details to follow.

Team leader's meeting. On **Saturday 3rd December at 3.30pm.** All team leaders please note this in your diary. An important meeting and a preview of 2016 diary.

Bible Study in Church. In follow-up to our Away Day in July when we held our first Bible Study together as a Church, we will be introducing Bible Studies in the Church on Sunday's. The Bible Studies will not be held every Sunday. The first one will be on **Sunday 30th October.** Please pray along as the Bible study leaders will be meeting up again before then to prepare.

GAP – Women's Conference at Central Baptist Church
Date: Saturday **22nd October** 2016
Time: 12 – 4.30pm

Wednesday Word. Are you interested in receiving a 'text', 'email', or 'WhatsApp' message every Wednesday with a short word from the Bible? If so, please text or email "Wednesday Word" to either 0788 419 8723 or pastorcbc@live.com. A sample is shown adjacent.

Wednesday Word for 11 September 2016

"Sir," the woman said, "you haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water?"

Jn 4:11 GNB

Have you ever had to ask God one of those questions that start with a 'WHERE'?

WHERE will I get that - job, money, solution, husband, wife, health - whatever.

The Samaritan woman did not realise that her WHERE was in the WHO she was talking with. Take your focus off the WHERE and put it on the WHO.

<http://bible.com/296/jhn.4.11.GNB>

October: Church Secretary Letter and Flower List not received.

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. Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Brethren, let us remind ourselves, what prayer is, that is, communication with God our Father.

So how do we talk to this God of love, who is everywhere and knows everything, even before we open our mouth. Still we bring our prayer list and go on and on. The next time we come to pray, we carry on from where we stopped.

God, our Father, appreciates and yearns for our friendship. He wants us to cultivate this friendship, and this can only be done through prayer. This communication (prayer), starts by telling Him what He means to us; how much we love Him. Then we listen for His response; again, we talk, and then listen; (we must be prepared to hear what God is saying to us, how He feels about our requests, or what He wants us to do.).

PRAY: 'Psalm 46 vs 10; for Grace to be still in His presence; Grace to hear Him.' It is not easy to sit still, but, we must practice this, to have an effective prayer life.

We start with five to ten minutes, and we build on it. Remember, you do not have to do anything, except to let God know you are there to spend time with Him, (i.e. He has your attention,). Soon you will notice a difference. During these intimate moments, we bring things that concern us to the Lord or, He points things out to us. There is truly no more striving. (This does not exclude corporate prayers)
Start thanking and praising God for His goodness, for His love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts forever.

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (15/09/2016)

- Ethlyn Salmon – She is very grateful for what the Lord is doing for her. She requests we pray for her to be strengthened as the days go by.
- Doreen Waterman – She is feeling a bit better but wants us to pray for her throat and swollen feet.
- Virginia Reynolds – Let's continue to pray for God's peace and strength for her each day.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – Myrtle's appetite and health are improving. Please pray for complete healing for her. Please do pray for Frank's skin complaint.
- Icilda May – She was so grateful, we visited her recently although it was a short visit. She enjoyed our time of worship in the presence of her son. She is still hoping and believing to come to church soon.
- Mr Moses Williams – His wife passed away on the 10th August and was buried on the 9th September. Please continue to pray for him as he adjusts to the changes.
- Calbert Tucker – He is responding to treatment but sometimes finds it difficult. Please continue to pray for complete healing.
- Dorothy Lee– An unfortunate thing happened to her, which has hospitalised her. She is responding to treatment but becomes confused sometimes. Please pray for her 'after care' and a speedy recovery.
- Vera and Lebert – The visit to her and her husband went well and they are grateful for the time spent with them. Please continue to pray for their healing.
- Rogini Sachithanatham – The family were grateful for our recent visit and thank God for her healing process. Please continue to pray for her and the family.

- David Ramsey – God is good, all the time. The recent news regarding his treatment was encouraging and we believe the Lord will restore him to perfect health.

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (7th September)

Many visitors and children have come to Cornwall during the past few months including two ladies from Forest Gate, and visitors are now a little older. Last Sunday three visitors came from Germany who knew all about somebody called Captain Ross Poldark. If you do watch the series on the TV you will appreciate the countryside in which we now live.

You will be reading this in October and I find that Issue 5 for that month in 1956 began 'This month sees us getting into our stride for the, Autumn and Winter activities'. So as you celebrate the Church 164th Anniversary continue to make great strides in your witness and work for our Lord and Saviour.

I hope that those who still remember who Doreen and I are, have felt their ears burning* because we have been looking at some old tapes of events at the church in the 1990's. *[There was an old folk belief that if other people are talking about you, you would feel your ears burning].

Local news: Painted outside a school in large yellow letters 'SHCOOL ENTRANCE' [I expect somebody had burning ears]. I mentioned that last December we signed a slate in support of Truro cathedral's appeal for funds for a new roof. Last week Prince William and his wife also did this. As it is said, better late than never. Forty firefighters supported from other fire stations were needed to contain a barn of burning straw and machinery.

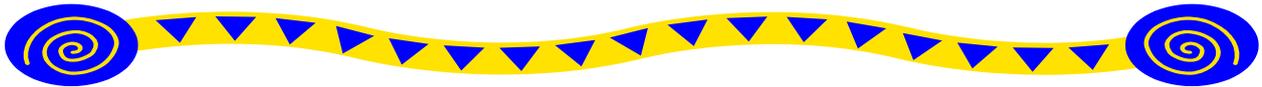
A Prayer: Give us wisdom, Lord, to know your will, and courage to do it. May our words declare your love and may our compassion give substance to our words. Amen.

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

Lesley Turner from Pilgrims Homes will be our speaker for October. Look forward to seeing you. God Bless.



Other Events

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

❖ **Food Bank** – The recent news was disappointing, but we trust that the Lord will use it to advance this ministry and encourage more to give.

❖ **Teen Challenge** – **Stratford Drop-In**: We are very excited to share with you that Angela has asked to be baptised and Siva will be baptised on the 11th of December at the River Church in Canning Town.

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

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 included in the month of your birthday. Please email us at cbcnews@live.com alternatively kindly inform Algi. Thank you.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Date		Years
2nd	Terry & Avis Horrabin-Newman	
12th	Pastor Dele & Vivienne Oke	27

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Jean Powell	15th	Barbara Reynolds
1st	Rose Tucker	18th	Philip Sesay
1st	Isaiah Murray	20th	Jane Young
3rd	Avis Horrabin-Newman	22nd	Leon Thallapally
4th	Doreen Waterman	26th	Jeff Fraser
9th	(Ayodere) Christina Sesay	29th	Dumkene Grace Nwabuzor
9th	Shade Igali	30th	Anthony Ogbeifun
11th	Kamlesh Kaur	31st	Ola Amosu
12th	Mark Adebisi		

EARLY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Wendy Murray	5th	Sarah Oguntona

NO EARLY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES RECORDED

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