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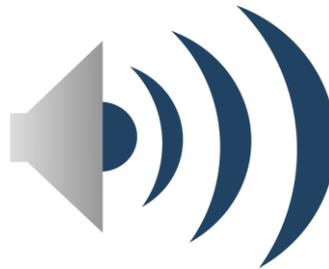
And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9–10

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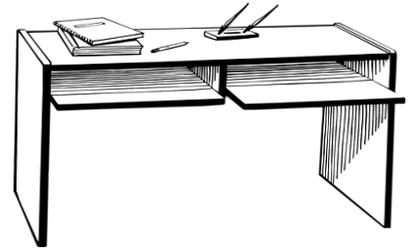


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele Oke



Bible Study - Lessons from Esther

Back in April the Central News run a brief introduction to the Book of Esther. During our Wednesday meetings we have been studying the book of Esther. Here are two of the life applications we have learnt.

1 The benefits of prayer and fasting

Esther went on a three day fast before approaching the King for help (Esther 4:16) Furthermore, she asked the children of Israel to join her in fasting. Fasting brings us closer to God. The closer we get to our Creator the more of His grace and mercy we receive. There is great value in a community of believers fasting and praying together. It delights the heart of God for Him to see His children coming in unity of purpose to seek His face. Indeed, Matthew 6: 16 says 'when you fast, not if you fast'.

2 Be good to people and treat them with love

Mordecai was Esther's older cousin. He was also her guardian. In chapter 2:19-23 we are told about a plot to kill the King that Mordecai discovers and informs the King about – hence saving the King's life. Mordecai's good deeds are recorded. In chapter 6:1-3, the King is unable to sleep, and since television and mobile phones have not been invented yet, he calls for the record books to be read to him to while away the night. The King is reminded of Mordecai's good deed in saving his life and decides to reward him. This act brought about a major turnaround for the Jews.

By his good deed Mordecai had activated a promise of God that is still available to us today.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.
Galatians 6:19 (NIV)

Get close to God and be good to people – these are two sure ways to bring God's favour on your life, and remember – It's not doing one or the other that matters but both.

Prayer: Lord, help me to love you and to love the people you love.

JULY DIARY 2017 AT GLANCE



Deacon on Duty: Steve Cooper

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
1st Sunday each month	COMMUNION	Evening
Wednesday: 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
Every Sunday	Prayer Time before Church Service – All Welcome	10.30am
Last Sunday each Month	Visiting Team go out (After the morning Service)	After Service

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
Sunday 2nd Morning	FAMILY SERVICE Lead: Sylvester Turner Preach: Pastor Adrian Todd	11.00am– 1.00pm
Sunday 2nd Evening	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Prayer Time	6.30pm– 7.30pm
Thursday 6th Evening	Deacon's Meeting	8.00pm– 10.00pm
Sunday 9th Morning	COMMUNION CHILD DEDICATION Lead: Tex Reynolds Preach: Pastor Dele Oke Men's Fellowship (After Service)	11.00am– 1.00pm 1.15pm– 2.00pm
Sunday 9th Evening	Lead: Steve Cooper Preach: Dorcas Olakunbi	6.30pm– 7.30pm
Saturday 15th Afternoon	LOVE STRATFORD Stratford Churches outreach at ST. JOHN'S CHURCH	1.00pm

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Sunday 16th Morning	FAMILY SERVICE Lead: Vivienne Oke Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 16th Evening	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Esther Madu-Issahaku	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 21st Evening	Prayer Focus	8.00pm- 9.30pm
Sunday 23rd Morning	Lead: Jane Young Preach: Pastor Dele Oke 13+ Stay in Church	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 23rd Evening	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Michael Conteh	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 28th Evening	FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER 8.00pm Tex Reynolds 9.00pm Nab Mills-Robertson 10.00pm Pastor Dele Oke	8.00pm- 11.00pm
Sunday 30th Morning	Lead: Suzanne Gudgeon Preach: Pastor Dele Oke	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 30th Evening	Lead: TBA Preach: Anthony Ogbeifun	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Monday 31st Afternoon	Over 60's Club	12.00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday 5 August
CBC Youth Concert

Saturday 19th August
Church Barbeque (BBQ)

Saturday 16th September
Joint Team Meeting (3pm)

FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Algi Dyer



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ

May you be blessed in the Lord as you read this month's Central News.

We have all felt that which has happened in Manchester, London Bridge and Westminster (in no particular order) and the sadness of the Finsbury Park fire in the tower block. Our children are the future, let us always pray and care for those in our lives and those whom we do not yet know or may never know, pray that Our Lord Jesus Christ will watch over them. Pray for these families and their friends who are left bereft.

I attended the Focus Prayer meeting this month, it was powerful. I would encourage you if you are able to get there to attend. It is free and open for Prayers, worship, testimony. Prayers is a very powerful mobile / wireless connection to Our Lord, Amen.

The News right now is filled with a 'Hung Parliament' – to get the majority the Conservative Party are joining with the DUP (Democratic Union Party). How will this impact our future? Pray, pray and pray everlasting that God's Will to be done in this situation.

Submission to Governing Authorities

1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. **2** Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. **4** For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Romans 13: 1-4 (NIV)

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all. Peace be with you.

REPORTS

Reports from across the Church



PRAYER

By Vivienne Oke

Our Lord has asked us to present his promises to Him when we pray. For example many of us know the following promise “I will never leave you or forsake you”. (Deut 31:6).

I am sure many of you can quote others?

I would like to remind Central Baptist Church Stratford of a promise we HAVE agreed in this congregation. During a Child Dedication Ceremony, Pastor Dele often asks us to stand alongside the Parents and Children in PRAYER. I think most people if not all - stand on their feet at this point.

Well, here is an opportunity for you to **keep your promise** and pray for the **Children** dedicated in our congregation over the past two years. We know that when they grow up they will need to **make their own decision** to receive Christ. We however can help them with our Prayers!

Prayer this month: **Please pray for the following Children dedicated at Central Baptist Church 2012-2017**

Amarah Brown	Jeremiah Shilo Brown
Dumkene Grace Nwabuzor	Qiyana Munya Hapatongwe
Manasseh Sarwin Sachithanantham	Mahalia Millian Thompson
Jemimah Sachithanantham	Eliana Angeles
Esme Mae Vassall	Jessica Francis.
Allie Jalloh	

- Please also pray for our **Mothers**. Every month our Mothers and Sisters prepare the **Lord Supper** for **God’s Children** in Central Baptist Church.

Please pray for those living alone. Pray that God will supply their every need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Thanksgiving & Prayer Requests

By Nab Mills-Robertson/Visiting Team (19/06/2017)

- Ethlyn Salmon – Our last visit to Ethlyn was of great joy; although there were low moments, she and her husband filled our hearts with joy. They gave us a revelation of how important people are in times like these. Please pray that she will experience more times like this.
- Doreen Waterman – Doreen has been in a few difficult situations these past weeks. She is due for an appointment this month and wants us to pray for the right diagnoses to be done to rectify the shortness of breath she's been experiencing and also for her throat.
- Virginia Reynolds – She is keeping very well, receiving support from the family and her carers. Please pray the Lord will continue to strengthen her.
- Myrtle & Frank Smith – We visited Myrtle last month, she was cheerful and happy to see us. We give God all the glory as she read the scripture and she was in good health as well. Thank God for keeping her and pray for complete healing.
- Icilda May – We were gladly received on our last visit. Icilda chose her own songs and enthusiastic about reading the Bible. Please continue to pray for her wellbeing.
- May Gardner – She's doing okay and has seen improvement with the pain in her hand, but has severe pain in her knee and back. Please continue to pray for her healing.
- Yvonne Thomas – Yvonne sends her greetings from Jamaica, she is doing well and coping with the passing away of her husband earlier this year. Please continue to pray for the Lord's sustenance.

CHURCH EVENTS

Over 60's Club

By Jackie Trotman/Rose Tucker

We will meet on Monday 31st. The speaker will be someone from London City Mission – name to be confirmed nearer the date. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. God bless.

Church BBQ

By Nab Mills-Robertson

Saturday 19th August – help is required. If you can help with this event please speak to someone in the Evangelism Committee: Nab, Cynthia, Esther, Barbara, Suzanne. All 'hands' welcome.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST COMMITTEE

By Algi Dyer/Leadership

Can you give your time to help in this committee?

This will involve for example: working together in receiving and arranging the Harvest day display in Church. Discussing how this is done, including distribution. Creating a list of those in need of help

each year, so we evenly distribute the food produce you have all kindly donated for Harvest Thanksgiving.

If you would like to get involve or know more, could you kindly approach myself Algi, one of the Deacons, Suzanne. We would like to form a Committee as soon as possible.

Unlock London Walk – Saturday 29th April 2017

By Pat Reynolds

Accompanying me on this year's walk were Algi and Nana. The walk was 7 miles long around Battersea and Clapham, with 7 check point churches of various denominations.

Money raised this year: £215.00. Thank you to all my sponsors and your prayers, may the Lord richly bless you.

Solid Festival 7th – 9th July

By Efua Mills-Robertson

On the 7th July Efua and Nab will be taking four young people to the 'Number One Christian Festival on South East England', Solid Festival. This is an all age event with adventure activities, music and worship. We will be camping on site at Stubbers Adventure Centre in Upminster.

Young People: Eniola, Bube, Gabrielle, Shanice.
Leaders: Efua and Nab.

Please pray for our safety on this trip. That God's presence will be felt by all.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Leadership/Central News Team

To help us keep our birthday and anniversary list up to date and celebrate with you – please let us know if you are not mentioned below or would like to be included in the month of your Birthday, or Wedding Anniversary. Please inform Algi ☺ or send an email to cbcnews@live.com. Thank you.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

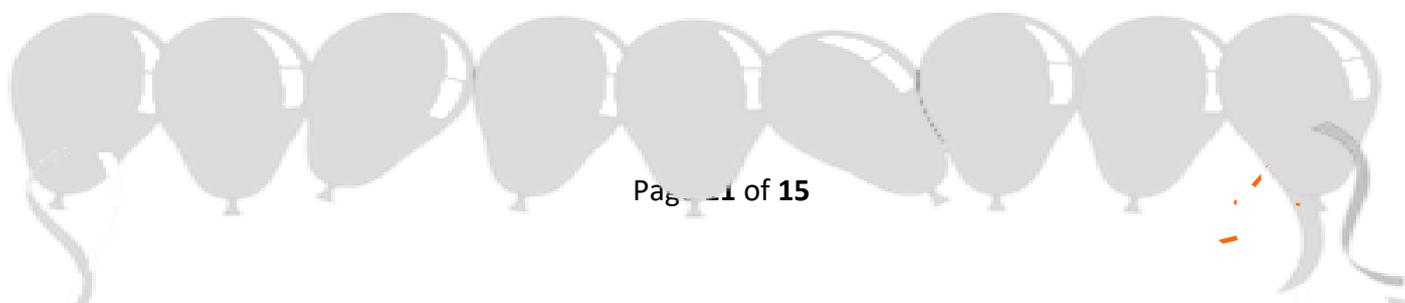
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1st	Suzy Davis	20th	Grace Adedeji
2nd	Leah Cared	21st	Clarence Brown
2nd	Folu Olatuja	24th	Chewe Mwambazi
3rd	May Davis	26th	Asher Pettit
3rd	Olivia Adedeji	27th	Carol Clarke
7th	Pastor Dele Oke	28th	Patrick Nkrumah
14th	Johnson Ehigie	28th	Evan Taylor
15th	Nadine Patterson	28th	Chantal Ververt
17th	Tricia Gudgeon	31st	May Gardner
17th	Jonathan Butler	31st	Nalene Jordan
17th	Abibatu Sesay		

EARLY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Date		Date	
1st	Rachel Reynolds	4th	Myrtle Smith
1st	Hannah Brown		

There are No JULY ANNIVERSARIES or Early AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES recorded.

**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
2nd	Central Baptist Church
9th	Jackie Trotman (in memory of Alex)
16th	Tricia Gudgeon
23rd	May Gardner
30th	Central Baptist Church

This ministry is a wonderful way of celebrating a birthday, anniversary or another special occasion, where you can help in providing flowers in the Church each Sunday. Once you have selected your date, 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.

A list is available on the noticeboard at the back of the Church, please check and see what dates are available to use for your special occasion. If you would like to know more about how the flower ministry works, please speak with me. Thank you.

Other Events

Women's Fellowship

By Dorcas Olakunbi on behalf of the Women's Fellowship

Hi Ladies

This year CBC's Women Fellowship charity is **JUST HOMES**. **Just Homes** support young mothers and their children who are homeless and in the unfortunate position of not being able to access social security benefits. Thank you for the items already received. We will continue collecting until November 2017. Please **DONATE Shoes and Clothes** which are in good condition.

If I am not in church, please speak to Esther Madu-Issahaku or any of the other Women Fellowship leaders. You may call me on my mobile if you need an update: 07985 380641. Many thanks.

OUTREACH

By Nab Mills-Robertson

- ❖ **Food Bank** – Please think about getting extra groceries to give to the Food Bank.

- ❖ **Teen Challenge – Stratford Drop-In: We are still experiencing a low turnout but there is a very faithful engagement with those coming.**

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.

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION 2017

By Suzanne Gudgeon

The CRE (Christian Resources Exhibition) usually takes place in May but this year not only has it moved to October but it has also moved venues – reverting back to Sandown Park. I hope to give some more information nearer the time. CRE is for Church leaders, youth and children's workers, in fact anyone involved in leadership continually needs to discover new and fresh ways to communicate God's unchanging message.

NEWS FROM CORNWALL

By Ron Meloy (5th June 2017)

Although Cornwall is a long way from Manchester and London our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected in any way to the recent happenings. Our local weekly newspaper last week mentioned that armed police had been seen for the first time patrolling the streets and some trains. By the time you read this the Parliamentary Election will have taken place and however we will have voted we will see how those elected live up to their promises. They certainly need our prayers.

At last month's Sunday morning Café Service our minister spoke of Mission Impossible. Everyone was invited to take a sheet of A4 paper and with a pair of scissors cut the paper to enable them to step through it. Not many succeeded. Have you ever heard 'God specializes in the impossible'? Under the heading The Great Commission [NIV Matthew 28 16-20] Jesus commands them to go out and do the impossible. Yesterday Pentecost Sunday was conducted by one of our members a retired teacher and local Preacher. We came away challenged to do the impossible in our neighbourhood for our Lord.

It is hard to imagine that the Central once relied on gas for lighting which was controlled by the caretaker who sat at the back of the church and dimmed during the sermon. I was told by Mr. Thompson who was the Treasurer for many years that one Sunday the caretaker fell asleep until halfway through the last hymn which the congregation sang in the dim light until coming to the words LIGHT of the world. As once being a member of the Primary Department I still recall singing 'Jesus bids us shine with a clear pure light like a little diamond shinning in the night. You in your small corner and me in mine. Surely that is a sermon in itself.

We have our annual Gift Day next Saturday and on Sunday the Church Anniversary led by our Minister followed by the traditional lunch.

A PRAYER: Give us we pray a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Please use for your Prayer Points

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Psalms 1 (NKJV)

The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

1 Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of
the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
2 But his delight is in the law of
the Lord,
And in His law he meditates day
and night.
3 He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its
season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;

And whatever he does shall
prosper.
4 The ungodly are not so,
But are like the chaff which the
wind drives away.
5 Therefore the ungodly shall
not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation
of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of
the righteous,
But the way of the ungodly shall
perish.