

Senior Pastor: Bishop Donnovan Allen

31 January 2021

Watch God Provide -Salvation as we look unto Jesus



Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-13 Speaker: Bishop Donnovan Allen

Saturday morning "Prayer Watch" - 7.00am to 8.00am

Church & Pastor's Marie Aransevia, Martin Cole. Ronald Hundah, Wilbur Jeffers Council Members: & Vivienne Welsh, Paulette Wright (CPC Secretary/Treasurer)

Local Ministers: Rev Phyllis Brown, Rev Dennis Hines, Bishop Rudolph Parkinson, Rev Virginia Thomas, Rev Phyllis Thompson

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Dear Church Brethren,

" Thank You "

Rev Virginia is making steady progress following her surgery and future treatment and wishes to thank the church family for continual prayers and well wishes.

God Bless

Bishop Donnovan Allen



Good Morning to you all!

It gives me great pleasure to share the wonderful news that our National Youth Worship Team, **Salient Sound, have been added to Step FWD's 2021 February UK Christian Chart listing, within the Contemporary Gospel category**. Public voting has begun to determine where in the chart different artists are positioned and we want to support Salient Sound to help them reach the top! This is a wonderful representation for NTCG and also marks as a historic occasion, as we have never had an entry of this nature before.

To help support our young people and push the representation for NTCG in this historic event, **please vote for Salient Sound BEFORE MIDNIGHT on Sunday**, **31st January 2021.** The Judges have already received the full listing and their votes are weighted 2:1 to the public votes. To vote:

Click this voting Link: <u>https://astepfwd.com/february-2021-chart/</u>

Select the Contemporary Gospel genre

Register (or log in if you have used the service before)

Enter your vote for 'Stand' by Salient Sound (Check the artist name is Salient Sound, as another artist has a song entitled 'Stand' in this category also)

To be reminded of the song, here is the lyric video for 'Stand': <u>https://</u> <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPlTp2gPy50</u>

Thank you all in advance for voting and for your continued support. An article about Salient Sound has also been published on the Step FWD website, which you can access here:

https://astepfwd.com/salient-sound-ntcgs-national-youth-worship-team-release-debut-single-stand/

Kind regards

Rev. Marcel Simpson National Youth and Discipleship Director New Testament Church of God - National Office

PRAYER LINE





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A Different Grief

(This poem is written for anyone who has lost someone during this pandemic)

No words ... No words ... First you were here. And now you are gone ...! I did not say 'goodbye'! ... But why...?

They took you ... THEY took you ... !!! Behind those awful doors "No Entry" – "No Access" – just masks! No features – no feelings – Unhealing. Abandonment – Isolation – no salvation. No hope – no future – No words. No words.

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We used to talk and walk. And exchange thoughts. Our hopes and dreams and fears – We sometimes laughed. We sometimes cried. We sang ... we played ... We celebrated life ... But never anticipated death. So sudden – so harsh ... Unfriendly – uncompromising ... Unwelcome ... despair!!

There is no one left in the world. Who can share my heart's ...Cry! I cry ... I cry...



Oh yes! He cares. I know He cares ... His heart ... is touched ... With MY GRIEF? Well ... My grief is a different grief!!

By Paulette Peters 25/01/2021



Ages 5-12 join in with the Children's Church co-ordinators directly after service from 12.30pm

Sunday 7th February 2021

Please contact:

Sis Laura Hundah & Sis Alicia Hyder for login details



NTCG Northampton



Women's Hour

Thursday 4th & 18 February 2021

7.00pm to 8.15pm via Zoom

For log in details contact

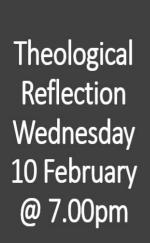
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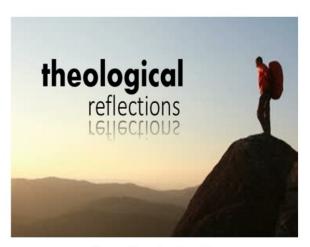
Engine Room February 2021

🗰 10th February @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

NTCG Zoom online



NTCG NORTHAMPTON CHURCH



Zoom Meeting Details to follow



Lifebuilders Hour

Thursday 11th & 25th February 2021

7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom

For log in details please contact secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk or 07510 255128 after 4.00pm



<u>A New Years Greeting and a word of HOPE to</u> The Leicester District Women's Discipleship Ministry



To my dear sisters, I greet you in the name of JESUS our Messiah and King, I pray that you have a blessed new year in 2021 !

"I know what I intend to do for you, declares the Lord. I plan good things for you and not bad. I'm going to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call for my help, you will come and pray to me, and I will answer you. You will look for me and you will find me when you're completely committed to looking for me." (Jeremiah 29:11-13 FBV)

What profound words from the great prophet Jeremiah

2020 has been, to date, the most challenging of years!! No year is equal to it! Certainly not in my lifetime!!

COVID-19 has caused some to face, loneliness, financial or health challenges, redundancy, lost opportunities, anxiety, broken relationships, bereavement or ongoing spiritual battles.

This global pandemic has caused for others, great anguish, as many people in society are facing tremendous stress and anxiety, due to isolation from friends and loved ones. The inability to physically connect with other human beings and the lack of social connection, may have a negative impact on our mental and emotional well being.

As believers, we are not in denial of the pain and sorrow which many people are experiencing. We are very much aware of the current situation. But in Jesus we have hope, that GOD will deliver us!

Yet, GOD our Father says, through His prophet; *"I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you, ' plans for peace and well-being to give you hope."*

'My mothers, my sisters and my daughters' Covid19 has given us a wonderful opportunity to reach out. We can reach out to our brethren, neighbours, family, friends, acquaintances and work colleagues, in a way that was never fully explored or appreciated before!

We may not be physically in the same space, but we can reach out through using our telephones, with a phone call a text message, email, FaceTime, Facebook or Zoom platform! It's wonderful.

Reaching out to others, allows us to look OUTWARD! Instead of inward! (Taking our eyes off our own circumstances and reaching out to someone else) Sharing a word of encouragement, praying together, singing, laughing together! Crying together, Reading the word together and most importantly: LISTENING!!! To each other

There is an old gospel song which says' 'if I could help, somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain'

You will be amazed how much, you will enhance your own well-being if you engage in reaching out to others. Especially someone whom may not be able to give back to you. That is what our LORD JESUS CHRIST\$ did for us when He gave His life for us.. We can never repay Him.

Try Re-setting the button of Agape love! GOD\$s LOVE: The love button! by reaching out to others in 2021!!!

Revive Letter writing!! Why not? Or send a card to someone you know, who needs encouraging.

I call on the Naomi's and the Ruth's The Senior and Junior women on this Leicester District. Let us enhance our own well-being by reaching out and re-setting our relationships and love for others. GOD is depending on us! "Together we stand divided we fall..."

You may say, "Sis Paulene, I don't have the strength. I'm too broken, or wounded"! GOD says if you call to me, I WILL ANSWER YOU! I WILL HELP YOU!! And we know GOD is not a liar, cast your mind back in 2020 When GOD protected you! Kept you! Delivered you! Brethren He's faithful! And if He did it once! He will do it again!!! Praise The name of JESUS.

GOD also says'

"When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you WILL find me." (Jeremiah 29: 13)

What an amazing promise! However there is a caveat. (A warning - Something we have to do) We must seek after GOD, with ALL OUR HEART! We must be intentional in our pursuit of GOD.

Therefore there are times when we need to quieten our minds by closing off all distractions; e.g. coming off social media, switching the TV off! Pulling away from the negative news and media information, which can instil so much fear, worry and uncertainty. We need to take out time to be with GOD meditating on His word, praying, giving GOD praise in the name of JESUS and worshipping Him. We must speak and declare the word over our circumstances. Pray for our nation and others! *We must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus*!

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Remember GOD is always faithful and always keeps His promise. He is close to the broken hearted and He is our strength and shield.

Shalom

Sis Paulene Angela Haye (Leicester District WDM President)



Would you like someone to pray with you? GET IN TOUCH 01604 436394 during our live service 11:00 am -1:00 pm TODAY

⁷Discipleship Growth Plan January to December 2021 Living what we believe - Knowing Being Doing



Sis Denise Richards

I grew up in the Caribbean with my grandparents who taught me how to fear God. I came to England in March 2001. I thought this was a Godless nation because I didn't know the scripture: Psalm 139 v 8 that says if I make my bed in hell behold God is there.

My eldest son invited me to College St NTCG at the time when it met at Sheep Street. He was only 7 years old at the time and had visited the church with my cousin. I always thought I was a Christian but I didn't have a relationship with Jesus. I accepted Jesus as my Lord and saviour in 2005. It is the best thing that ever happened to me.

I became a member of College St NTCG in November 2005. I enjoy the praise and worship at College St, in fact, on reflection it is what I most like about the Church. I enjoy the praise and worship because praising God is a lifestyle and it helps me to connect with God. I love going to prayer meetings and experiencing the power of prayer. The Church has helped me to grow and develop in my spirituality and strengthen my faith in God. I am encouraged to read my bible and to seek the baptism of the holy spirit. I've learnt that the Christian life is enriched and empowered by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches believers 'all truth' and counsels us through divine wisdom. The College St NTCG provides lots of opportunities and resources to help members learn and develop, for example: Sunday school, Cell group, Prayer meetings, and Bible studies. However, I am not able to attend all of these because of family and work commitments.

The current epidemic presents a range of challenges for everyone around the world and Northampton has not been exempted. We have all had to examine our values and the ways in which we choose to live our lives. Covid-19 and the subsequent 'lockdowns' have helped me to

understand that only salvation last forever and that things can change in a twinkle of an eye. I believe I coped and I am still coping reasonably well with life under the restrictions. As a frontline worker, I think and feel as if I am a soldier on the battlefield and have come to understand and appreciate the fact that I am of great value to my Community.

The restrictions had its impact on the way we do Church at College Street. Face-to-face gatherings were limited and of course there were times when we could not even meet as a gathered congregation. Print and social media became our only means of connection. I joined in on a couple of zoom services but found that they did not work for me. When we were able to open our Church doors again, I gladly attended the Sunday morning services. I felt like Nehemiah as recorded in Nehemiah 2 vs 1-3, when he heard about the gates around the city had been destroyed and his expressed willingness to rebuild what had been destroyed.

I realize that Jesus and the people of God are bigger than the four walls of all the churches in the world and there are many people in the community who need our help. My hands are up in surrender to Jesus and my sense of purpose. I am committed to the way of Jesus and where he leads me I will follow. Like Mary said, I also say; '...Be it unto me according to your Word'. Luke 1 vs 38. It is a great experience to know Jesus for yourself and not just about and from what people say about him. Personal experience is important. I am glad for my own growing experience with our triune God.

For further information about the Discipleship Growth Programme, please speak to a Ministry/ Department lead, a member of the Church and Pastors' Council, Bishop Allen or send an email to the Facilitating team via growth@ntcgnorthmpton.org.uk

"WELLBEING CORNER"

Lord, Teach us to Prayer

"Thy Kingdom come." [Matt.6:10]

What does this mean?

2020 felt like holding your breath – waiting to exhale, in disbelief that all your plans and resolutions have come to naught. It left such a bad taste in our mouth that we were overly anxious for it to come to an end. This prolonged inhale is hard to sustain, however. We must find new ways of exhaling and deep breathing so that the spiritual, as well as our physical lungs do not become congested. We can do this by thinking more deeply about what we can do to manifest God's kingdom on earth. Jesus gave us a big clue; "Woe unto those who cause offence" [Matt. 18: 7] He said.

[Matt.18:3,4] Jesus called a little child and said, "Except you become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." ... Jesus goes on to say, "Offence will come, but woe to the man by whom it cometh." Here Jesus is painting a picture of the type of attitude and behaviour that must be cultivated by 'children of the kingdom'. Offence means anything that causes hurt, harm or injury to another. This begins to shed light on where our energies should be focused for 2021.

Being mindful not to cause hurt, harm or injury to another is a useful technique or discipline for ensuring that we engage in kingdom behaviours. Because what it does is encourage us to do the opposite. To help, support, uphold and embrace others in their journey to the Kingdom of God.

Being restricted in movement and normal activity has the effect of focussing the mind on things which we are NOT allowed to do: like visiting family and friends; taking flowers to the sick in hospital; attending someone's homegoing service; and so on. But does your neighbour have food in the house? Is there someone you know who is lonely, perhaps suicidal? Could you pray with someone whose relationship is breaking down? or send some kind words through the post?

This prolonged inhale made me think about the space between an inhale and an exhale. There is a moment of consciousness which says, 'it's time to breath out'. If you don't breathe out now, you might go light-headed and feel faint. This is what I call a 'God moment' where it becomes obvious that you need to change your mindset and do something different.

The kingdom of God was brought to earth by Jesus. "Thy Kingdom Come" is our prayer of commitment to "Do Jesus" better in 2021. Let Him Kingdom come through you! 2021 might be feeling like a damp squid, tainted with even more lockdowns, more restrictions on movement, and little opportunity for exhalation. But even though we are in lockdown, we are not locked down. Let's get busy! ...

> Paulette Peters Your Emotional Wellbeing Coach

"WELLBEING CORNER"

Not everything is locked down. Remember ... Sunrise is not locked. Family time is not locked down. Fresh air is not locked down. Friendship is not locked down. Creativity is not locked down. Prayers are not locked down. Hobbies are not locked down. Hopes and dreams are not locked down. Kindness is not locked down. Learning is not locked down. Conversation is not locked down. Imagination is not locked down. Sunsets are not locked down. Hope is not locked down. Cherish what you have.

Stay at home and make the most of your time. May you be safe, may you be happy. May you be well. Amen.

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Ways of Giving

We are ever so grateful for the generosity of those who have been supporting us financially. Please note the following details:

Bank:	NatWest	
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Details to **donate online** can be found on our webpage <u>https://ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/how-to-donate/</u>

Or, contact our Church Treasurer **Paulette Wright** on **07510 255128** to take your tithes and offerings using the Card Payment System.

If you need any help please contact secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk

Special thanks to for your continued support of Tithes, Offerings

Benevolence and Gifts.

God bless you all Bishop Allen & Leadership Team





Community Prayer Line

Are you weary, carrying a heavy burden? Then come to me. I will refresh your life, for I am your oasis.



Community Prayer Line

If you are feeling anxious, worried or concerned, our Volunteers are available to listen and pray with you. Simply talking to someone can help you to make sense of your situation.

Call us for free 01604 436 394 Tuesdays 6pm-8pm

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Join us for Communion Service Sunday 7th February 2021 via Zoom



Birthday Greetings to all who are celebrating a birthday in FEBRUARY and would like us to appreciate your special day

Mother Dassell Williams

If it's your birthday this month, please let the Comms Team know

Please contact a member of the Comms Team or email <u>news@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk</u> and we will include your news in the weekly notice sheet - all items to be submitted **by 5pm on Wednesday**

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NTCG College Street Mission Statement

The Mission of NTCG College Street is to Train and Develop all members to Communicate the Full Gospel of Jesus Christ (**Matthew 28:19, 20**) in the Spirit and Power of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1-4, 6, 13-18**)

Together we will fulfil the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**) by helping people to become fully functioning followers of Christ.

We aim to help every believer to discover the gifts and talents God gave them (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).

PASTOR'S SURGERY

If you have any concerns, queries or would just like to speak with Pastor, **please contact secrtary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk for an appointment** Surgery runs from 10.00am - 3.00pm & 6.00pm - 8.00pm on **THURS**

Please make full use of the Notice sheet by sending your Testimonies, words of encouragement and articles

WEEKLY NOTICES:

Please submit any items by **5pm on Wednesday** for inclusion in the Notice Sheet

Email all items to news@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk

If it is a paper item such as a leaflet then please hand it to one of the Team (Sandra Heath, Viv Welsh & Paulette Wright) by the deadline.

Items received after the deadline will be included in the following issue at the discretion of the Team

(This means that any items given on a Sunday morning for display will not be used as it will not be consistent with the published Notices.)

Are you making a donation, paying Tithes or Offering by Debit Card? Please speak to a Steward at any time <u>before the</u> start of Service. Thank You.

Notice Sheet also available at www.ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/about-us/news