

Senior Pastor: Bishop Donnovan Allen

## 27 February 2022

## JESUS THE LIFE-CHANGER Through the Holy Scriptures



## Scripture: Matthew 8:21-35 Speaker: Bishop Donnovan Allen

#### Saturday Morning "Prayer Watch" - 7.00 am to 8.00 am

Church & Pastor's Council Members: Local Ministers:

Marie Aransevia, Martin Cole. Ronald Hundah, Wilbur Jeffers & Vivienne Welsh, Paulette Wright (CPC Secretary/Treasurer) Rev Phyllis Brown, Rev Dennis Hines, Bishop Rudolph Parkinson, Rev Virginia Thomas, Rev Phyllis Thompson

Tel. 01604 630 007



#### STATEMENT ON THE UKRAINIAN CRISIS

Dr. David M. Griffis, General Director of Church of God World Missions, is asking for fervent and special prayer for our churches, ministers, and laity of the Church of God in Ukraine.

The Church of God has 100 churches in Ukraine and over 4,500 members. In recent years there has been a major emphasis on ministerial and discipleship training as well as the establishment of missions and church plants.

Please pray that in the midst of political and military crisis, the Church of God in the Ukraine will continue to flourish and grow and that they will find their refuge in the loving care of Christ.

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### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

in honour of the beloved



17 September 1947 - 14 January 2022

### Monday 28th February 2022 at 11.30am

Service to be held at St Mathews Church, Kingsley, Northampton, NN1 4RY

Burial to take place at Kingsthorpe Cemetery, Harborough Rd North, NN2 8LU

Followed by Wake at Kingsley Park Working Men's Club, Kingsley Park Terrace, Northampton, NN2 7HJ

> Please bring/ email/ text any photos of Beulah to share with the family as we don't have many of her. susancuffysmith@yahoo.co.uk 07958548824



## **CHURCH SERVICE TIMES**

## From Sunday 6 March 2022 our Church Service Times are changing to:

11.15am - 1.00pm Sunday Morning Worship

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### CAR PARKING ON SUNDAYS

As you know for the last few months, we have had the privilege of using the Debenhams Car Park on Sundays.

We no longer have access to this as the new owners of the Debenham's site have commenced the process for the demolition of the building.

Our parking options are:

- We have re-established our arrangements with Park Inn Hotel. Please register your car at the front desk to ensure you are not sent a parking ticket! and make a contribution in the envelope provided; or
- Park at the Mayorhold which is free on Sundays.

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AND TICKETS VIA EVENTBRITE: https://wdm-retreat-2022.eventbrite.co.uk

National WDM: 01604 824222 or Email: wdm@ntcg.org.uk or Visit Website: http://www.ntcg.org.uk/wdm



## **CPC ELECTION**

#### Sunday 20th March 2022

#### **Directly After Service**

Our current CPC members term in office has come to an end and we are required to elect new members.

Our election has been delayed due to the Covid lockdown as it required that this is conducted in person.

All members are expected to attend this meeting.

Refreshments will be provided

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## NTCG Northampton

## 2022 Church Theme: Jesus the Life Changer





## **Mission Statement**

We exist to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone so that they can know God and be transformed by the good news

## **Vision Statement**

We are followers of Jesus Christ who give hope, share love and respect

We are community that is inclusive welcoming and accepting of all

We are a Christ Centre Church that serve the community of

Northampton

**We create** an environment where all can grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ embracing each other

We are a central hub for the community where everyone is valued



## **Core Values**

Jesus is always at the Centre (Hebrews 12:2, 1 Corinthians 11:1-2, Philippians 1:20-21)

We believe in empowering others to discover their giftings, ministries and callings (1 Thessalonians 9:11, Romans 12:4-8, I Corinthians 12:4-11, Ephesians 4:11-13)

We believe that Christ's followers should manifest authenticity and yearn for continuous growth (Ephesians 4.25-25, 32, Hebrews 12:1, Philippians 1:6)

We believe that every individual should be valued (Ephesians 4:29-32)

We believe in connecting with the life of our community (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

We believe a church should operate as a unified community of servants, with menand women stewarding their spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 1:12 & 14, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, Psalm 133:1)

We believe loving relationships and fellowship with one another are key aspects for a flourishing church life (1 John 1:7, Acts 2:42, Acts 2:44-47)

We believe every believer should be discipled so they can share the good news (Matthew 27:17-20)

# **Adult Sunday School**

## 27 February 2022

10.00am to 10.45am in the Sanctuary Taught by Paulette Peters





## Please prayer for . . .

- Mother Spence on the loss of her Husband Bro Spence
- \* Sis Susan Cuffy-Smith on the loss of her Mother
- \* Sis Sandra Oki on the loss of her Brother
- Bro Ernie Barrett on the loss of his Mother
- Sis Barbara Harrison now recovering at home
- Bishop Parkinson now recovering at home
- Those in our church family who are poorly or on the road of recovery

Please keep them and their families in your prayers this week

#### PRAYER LINE



MONDAY 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm TUESDAY 6.00 am to 7.00 am THURSDAY 6.00 am to 7.00 am SATURDAY 7.00 am to 8.00 am

ACCESS DETAILS

DIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER: 0333 011 2308 ROOM PASSWORD: 488 52205# PIN NUMBER: 1053#

Join us for



## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7.00pm

#### Theme:

The Hope of Christ return; comforts us; and gives hope

#### Scripture:

1 Thessalonians Chapter 3

**Topic - SANCTIFICATION** 

Facilitator: Alicia Hyder

Zoom Meeting Details Meeting ID: 898 0174 9043 Passcode: 216602 WDM Northampton Sister Sister



## Thursday 3rd & 17th March 2022

with Sis Paulette Peters

#### 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Zoom Meeting Details Meeting ID: 833 9883 4765 Passcode: 546095

For further information please email <u>wdm@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk</u>



## **Lifebuilders Hour**

## Thursday 10th & 24th March 2022

with Bro Wilbur Jeffers

7.00pm to 8.00pm

**Zoom Meeting Details** 

Meeting ID: 843 2705 8587 Passcode: 449258



#### NTCG Northampton Compulsory Safeguarding Training

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE Thursday 26 May 2022 at 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm via Zoom Webinar

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## SAFEGUARDING FOR ADULTS Saturday 18 June 2022 at 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm via Zoom Webinar

Members who are required to attend both training sessions have already been contact with training materials and log in details

For further information please contact

Sis Annie Dzwaka - Safeguarding Lead

Mobile: 07933 149107



## **Youth Forum**

## Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of each Month at 11.45 am

Downstairs Hall behind the Pulpit

Do come along with your Bible or Bible Apps

Be ready to explore, learn and share the word and our faith, as its expected of us Proverbs 21:21

For further information please contact

Sis Linnette James-Sow - Youth Director 07826 906709

For any changes and updates please use the Youth and Parents WhatsApp groups

## Children's Church

**Every Sunday** 

(except for the 1st Sunday of each month) Children's Church for 12years and younger is being held Upstairs Hall



Start Time: 11:45 am



Proverbs 22:6 (NLT) Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

So, like a well rooted tree our focus is to equip our children in the knowledge and wisdom of God, so that they grow in godly confidence, helping to prepare them for the greatness almighty God has gifted to each one.

For any further queries or if anyone would like to be involved in Children's Church, please see Fiona or Tanya

This is my Testimony

Sis Murna Braham Stewart



I was born in Jamaica in 1958, in the Parish of Trelawney, in the district of Lime Tree.

I came to England in the Winter of 1965. I came to England because,

like many other parents, my mother left me with other family members until they were able to send for me to travel to the UK and reunite with my mum and dad.

As a child, growing up in Jamaica I went to Church with my family. I didn't understand why, but I knew that what my mother was doing was important to her and I had no choice but to go along with her and I continued to do so as I got older. I stopped going to church after I got married when I was 19yrs old. However, after a very abusive marriage which lasted 5 years and the legacy of two children, I started going back to church.

When I came to England, I lived in Bedford. My family and I went to the Brickhill Baptist Church, where I would always sit at the back of the church, hoping that no one would see me. One Sunday, whilst sitting in my usual spot, I closed my eyes whilst the preacher was praying, and in my mind's eyes I saw myself walking very briskly down a beautiful path, I was almost running to get to the end with tears running down my face. When I opened my eyes, I was standing at the pulpit telling the minister that I wanted to be Baptised. The minister was happy and asked someone to pray with me. I did the discipleship training and was baptised soon after. At that time, I was 25 years old.

I was introduced to Northampton NTCG in 2013 when we moved to Rushden. My Cousin Nancy introduced my second husband and me to the Church. I became a Member of College Street NTCG in 2016.

When I first attended College Street, I didn't know what to expect, but I was amazed at what I saw: Rev Phyllis Brown was preaching. I had never seen a female preacher before. The following weeks, I sat and listened to Rev Virginia Thomas, Rev Phyllis Thompson, and our Senior Pastor; Bishop Allen, Bishop Parkinson and Reverend Hines, again I was blown away. I felt at home. College Street Church is fulfilling in me what God has in store for me. I am a mentor for some of the local University Students and I enjoy working with them. I am energised by their hunger to seek God in every situation, and their trust in me to offer them support in their Christian growth.

One of my favourite scriptures in the Bible is Luke 12 v 22-23 'Do not worry about your life or what you will eat, or what you will wear, Life is more than food and the body is more than clothing'

On the 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 whilst I was working in my office at home, the Holy Spirit put me in a sleeping mode at my desk, and placed a pen in my hand and allowed me to write in my diary these words " 'Hold on to your faith" 'then again I heard " Something is going to happen, hold on to your faith and share this message with the Church." I had no idea what this meant, but soon after that, came 'Covid -19. I am happy to say that I am not afraid of Covid-19, because I am "Holding on to my Faith", wearing God's Armour, and that I was obedient in sharing this message with the Church.

Many people are vulnerable due to ill health, and Church services on Zoom have been a blessing to them. A major learning insight for me over this period has been the privileged opportunity to listen to God more acutely, trust him more strongly and make myself more available to do his will.

I would like to say to those who come to Church and sit and enjoy the services, don't be a spectator and leave empty handed, come with an expectancy to be empowered and enriched to be used by God in accordance with his good and perfect will and when you do that, you will experience 'Jesus the life changer' as he has been for me.

If you have a story/testimony to share, please let Rev Phyllis Thompson know by emailing her on: <u>phyllis.thompson@ntcg.org.uk</u>



### Art Ministry

## Hopeforthehomeless

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act." Proverbs 3:27

It's uncomfortable knowing that there are people in this world that have so little, that it forces them to live on the streets. Forces them to go without the basic necessities of life. Clean and fresh water and a safe place to live. So I've thought and prayed into ways that I could help to possibly make a

difference. And so two years ago, I started to paint, which is one of my passions, and so decided to sell and donate all funds to the cause for



Can I ask you please to support me with this cause by purchasing a painting from me ( you can request your design) for £8.

Funds should be paid into the Church's account referencing "hopeforthehomeless".

Within this ad are two of my paintings, others can be viewed on hope\_forthe.homelessinstagram page, by either scanning the barcode below, or visiting the page.



Thank you in advance Latifah Sow



## 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
Name:	NTCG Northampton
Sort code:	60-15-55
Account:	83826793
Reference:	Initial Last Name – Type e.g. J Bloggs - T
Payment Type:	T =Tithes / O = Offering / G = Gift / B = Benevolence

Details to **donate online** can be found on our webpage <u>https://ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/how-to-do1nate/</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 <u>secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk</u>

Special thanks to for your continued support of Tithes,

Offerings, Benevolence and Gifts.

God bless you all Bishop Allen & Leadership Team

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

## 14th Mother Dassell Williams Celebrating her 96th Birthday!!

#### 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 <u>by 5.00 pm on Wednesday</u>



#### **COLLEGE STREET, NORTHAMPTON**

#### UPDATED IMPORTANT CHURCH NOTICE

Further to the Government announcement on this week of in increased cases of Covid-19 and Omicron variant restrictions have been reinstated.

Face coverings/masks are now mandatory in all places of worship, with the exemption where it is not practical, such as when eating, drinking or singing for everyone attending church services in College Street.

I am encouraging everyone to remain cautious and observe to the following:

- All attendees will have their temperature checked on arrival. If you have a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above, you and your travelling companions will be asked to return home, self-isolate and seek medical attention.
- Hand sanitizer stations will remain at the entrance and exit of the building, please use these as often as you can.
- All attendees are encouraged to wear a face covering/ mask in the main sanctuary.
- If for health reasons you are not able to wear a face covering/mask, please continue to maintain social distance with others.

- Follow the Steward's instructions as they direct you to your seat.
- It is essential that if you have Covid /Omicron symptoms, however mild, or test positive for Covid, please inform a member of the Leadership team, and follow the Government guidelines. Most importantly, please do not attend church to ensure the safety of others.
- If you feel anxious, please speak to Colleen Coates of the Pastoral Care team. Be assured we will take care of you and the safety of all our members and friends.
- Any further changes will be reviewed as guided by data from Government and Public Health. We will ensure that you are informed before any formal decisions are made.

We continue to focus on ensuring that **everyone** that comes into our church can worship in a safe environment and we will continue to do so by God's grace.

Thank you for working with us as we get through these uncertain times.

God Bless

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## **WEEKLY NOTICES**

Make full use of the Notice Sheet by sending your Testimonies, words of encouragement and articles. Please submit any items by **5pm on Wednesday** for inclusion in the Notice Sheet Email all items to <u>news@ntcqnorthampton.org.uk</u> 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 Comms 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? <u>https://ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/how-to-donate/</u>

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