

# Central Baptist Church News

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**Welcome to another decade - 2020.**

## **In Christ**

your future is secure, so your destination  
is not in doubt.

As you take the journey of life

## **With Christ**

there is no need to be overwhelmed with  
the changing seasons that occur.

Remember, that you are an **ambassador**

## **For Christ**

so be active in representing the one who  
you live for.

Be secure

**In Christ, With Christ and For Christ.**

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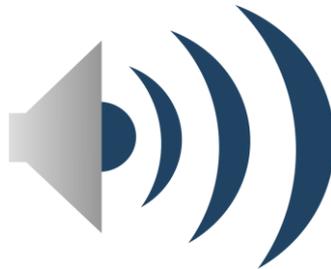
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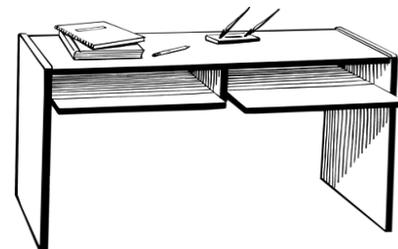


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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele



## Welcome Again to 2020.

May God grant you 20/20 vision physically and spiritually throughout this year. A clear vision is essential to movement and progress. We all respond to what we see. May God grant us the vision to see what we are supposed to see rather than what we want to see.



### **In Christ**

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV)

It takes the grace and mercy of God for our eyes to be opened and have a clear vision of what it means to be **in Christ**.

Being **in Christ** begins when you enter into a living relationship with the One who created you. You stop being a cultural Christian and become a new creation. A cultural Christian is someone who likes the Christian values and morals, and makes a concerted effort to live by them, but has no understanding or relationship with the Author and Founder of those values.

Jesus Christ came to bring us back into a living relationship with our Creator. Let us pray that God will give us a clear vision of what this means.

## **With Christ**

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together **with Christ**—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:4-6 ESV)

Once we take our position **in Christ** we need to start walking together **with Christ**.

Walking with Christ requires a clear spiritual vision. We need to know how God would want us to live. Christianity is much more than making a public confession and getting baptised. It is a way of life. A life that is free from fear, anger and hopelessness.

This is a life that we need to learn how to live. It is our prayer that 2020 will bring you a clear vision of how God would want you to live.

## **For Christ**

20 Therefore, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV)

When you get a piece of good news the natural thing is to want to share it. As we begin to realise what it means to be **with Christ** we will want to tell others about it. We start to live **for Christ** as His ambassadors. The mission of the church is to be a witness for Christ. The most effective way you can become an ambassador for Christ is by being in Christ, walking with Christ and telling others about Christ in our words, works and deeds.

**May God grant us this clear vision of being in Christ, with Christ and for Christ in 2020.**

# FEBRUARY DIARY 2020 AT A GLANCE



## Deacon(s) on Duty:

Sylvester/Steve      2nd / 9th February  
 Algi / Jane            16th(a.m) / 23rd February

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
1st Sunday each month	<b>COMMUNION</b>	Evening
Every Sunday Morning	Prayer Time in Prayer Room  2nd Tex            9th Anthony 16th Michael    23rd Taiwo	10.25am- 10.55am
Wednesday Evenings	Pray & Bible Study Weds: 5th; 12th; 19th; 26th	7.30pm- 9.00pm
Every Saturday	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm

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Sunday 2nd Morning	Lead: Sylvester Preach: Godwin Falade  Couples Fellowship	11.00am- 1.00pm  1.15pm
Sunday 2nd Evening	<b>COMMUNION</b> Lead: Suzanne Preach: Pastor Dele	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 7th Evening	Women's Prayer Meeting	8.00pm
Saturday 8th Afternoon	Special Church Meeting	3.00pm- 5.00pm
Sunday 9th Morning	<b>FAMILY SERVICE</b> Lead: Vivienne Preach: Pastor Dele <b>Bible Study in Church</b>  Men's Fellowship After Service	11.00am- 1.00pm  1.15pm
Sunday 9th Evening	Lead: Steve Preach: Anthony	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 14th Evening	Prayer Focus	8.00pm- 9.30pm

Sunday 16th Morning	<b>COMMUNION</b> Lead: Suzanne Preach: Pastor Dele	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 16th Evening	Lead: Suzanne Preach: Michael	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Sunday 23rd Morning	<b>Class Presentation Junior Church</b> Lead: Jane Preach: Guest Speaker	11.00m- 1.00pm
	Couples Meeting After Service	1.15pm
Sunday 23rd Evening	Lead: Jane Preach: TBC	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Monday 24th Afternoon	Over 60's Club	12.00pm- 2.00pm
Friday 28th Evening	Friday Night Prayer	8.00pm- 9.30pm

**Advance Notice:**

# FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY'S PEN

By Algi



**1 John 4:8 (NIV) - Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year to one and all! Praise the living God we are here to wish each other this joyous greeting. Where do we start this year other than with our life, for which the Lord gave His only Begotten Son.

Life is so precious, Psalm 19 vs 7-14.

The Law of the LORD

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect; it gives new strength. The commands of the LORD are trustworthy, giving wisdom to those who lack it.

<sup>8</sup>The laws of the LORD are right, and those who obey them are happy. The commands of the LORD are just and give understanding to the mind.

<sup>9</sup>Reverence for the LORD is good; it will continue forever. The judgments of the LORD are just; they are always fair.

<sup>10</sup>They are more desirable than the finest gold; they are sweeter than the purest honey.

<sup>11</sup>They give knowledge to me, your servant; I am rewarded for obeying them.

<sup>12</sup>None of us can see our own errors; deliver me, LORD, from hidden faults!

<sup>13</sup>Keep me safe, also, from willful sins; don't let them rule over me.

Then I shall be perfect and free from the evil of sin.

<sup>14</sup>May my words and my thoughts be acceptable to you, O LORD, my refuge and my redeemer!

God is Good, All the time, All the time, God is Good.

# REPORTS

*Reports from Across the Church*



## Prayer

*By Magdalene*

My Dear Brothers And Sisters in the Lord

Once again, Happy New year/decade and I wish you divine victory and perfection in 2020, in Jesus name, Amen.

Whatever else is happening around us, we must continue to thank God for taking us through 2019 and bringing us into this year of accomplishments. Thank God it is well with us. Thank God for our biological families and our spiritual family at the Central. Thank God for all He has in store for us this year 2020.

Now pause and start thanking God for all He has done for you. By now I'm sure you have made new year plans and new year resolutions. However, we know that only God can guarantee our success. So, we must be very diligent in seeking God's face and will, early, to ensure success. At CBC, we have spent most Wednesdays and Fridays this year praying and committing everything to God and laying a good foundation.

If you are a member of CBC, you should pray for the grace to be part of the prayer life of the church. God is asking you to stand in the gap. Acts 1 vs 14 'They gathered frequently to pray as a group, ...'. Matthew 18:20. 'Where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.'

Let us pray in Jesus Name:

- For wisdom, knowledge and understanding to serve God as He wants us to do and not as we choose to.
- For the grace to serve and do what we can for others.
- For the grace to humble and put ourselves under discipline so that God can lift us up.
- For the grace to trust that God will perfect us this year 2020.

# THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

*By Visiting Team (22/12/19)*

- Doreen – Our sincere condolences goes to husband Ralph and family as they mourn her passing on 24th December. The funeral service will take place at Central 16th January. Please pray for family and friends that they may experience God's peace and comfort each day.
- Myrtle & Frank – They were visited 22nd December. A visiting relative shared fellowship with us and the time ended in prayer. They still need our prayers for various life challenges.
- Icilda – She continues in reasonable health by God's grace and appreciates the visits and welcomes every opportunity to worship and praise God as well as share His word with other members. She values the care of her family and requests prayers for them.
- May G – She was visited 24th December and thankful to God for answered prayers, enabling her to travel safely to and from Jamaica for her brother's funeral service. Although it was a sad time it was an opportunity for her to share fellowship with family members she had not seen for some time. Your continued prayers for the family would be appreciated.
- Doris – She has experienced improvements in various areas after pain management treatment and is grateful to God for this relief. Please pray for complete healing in all areas.
- Our visit in January will be 26th January

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne



### Happy New Year!

The flowers are being provided by the following:

Date	Provided by
2nd	Central Baptist Church
9th	<b>Date Free</b>
16th	<b>Date Free</b>
23rd	Central Baptist Church

Using the Ministry of Flowers is a wonderful way to celebrate your birthday, anniversary or another occasion. What better way to express your thankfulness to God than using this ministry. As you can see there are two dates available to use in February and currently in March one date, **29th March**.

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 (longer if possible) you have selected, so that the money can be made available in good time.** We look forward to remembering with you during 2020.

**IMPORTANT:** All monies given for flowers, must be recorded by the Finance Team initially. When you give money for flowers, please place in the offering/collection. It is important that all cash/cheques are recorded as received. If you are unable to place your money contribution in the offering/collection, please hand it to Sylvester (Treasurer) or Algi (Secretary), Suzanne or a Deacon. This will be given to the Treasurer. The receipt received for the purchase of flowers will be given to Finance Team by the following Sunday to record and file.

# CHURCH EVENTS

## Junior Church Spring Trip

By Efua

The Junior Church will be taking the children on an adventure trip on Tuesday 18th February. We will be going to Stubbers Adventure Centre and taking part in archery, climbing and Quad Biking.

Children aged 6-16 are invited to attend, the cost is £5. Please get a permission letter from Efua. Any parents or adults that want to accompany the trip as a helper please also speak to Efua.

## Over 60's Club

By Jackie T/Rose T

If you have never been to one of our meetings please do take this opportunity to come along. All are welcome.

God Bless



## Men's Fellowship

By Benson

Yes! We are here in the year 2020! To God be all the praise. This (Sunday 12 January) is the first Men's fellowship meeting of the year - in fact of the decade, so let us make ourselves ready to be Kingdom builders. This year we will have a new mission statement based on 1 Corinthians 3: 10-13 and is as follows:

*According to the grace of God given to me, I will be a wise master-builder carefully building with quality on the foundation of Jesus Christ.*

The Bible refers to building with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw. It is talking about the quality of service you give to the Lord. Let's aim to give gold standards of service in all that we do this year. It is possible that all you can do is just attend services on Sunday and then go home. However, there is so much more you could do as part of building on the foundation of Jesus Christ. For example, get involved in CBC:

- Pre-prayer meetings at 10.25am on Sundays
- Men's Fellowship (dates below)
- Stewarding Team
- Visitation Team
- Hospitality Team
- Worship Team
- Half night of prayer meetings etc and so many other things

I encourage you, whether you think yourself young or older, let's make a difference this year; in our lives, to our families and in our Church. Love each other more, encourage each other more and of course pray with each other more.

This year we will:

- Support the youth and young adults
- Consider men's health (mental, emotional, physical and spiritual)
- Assist the Charities that CBC supports

At [today's](#) meeting, we will look at the practical steps to achieve these goals.

### **Men's Fellowship meetings 2020 - Sunday after service or Saturdays (date in bold)**

12th January, 9th February, **7th March**, 19th April, **9th May**, 14th June, No meeting in July. 9th August, 13th September  
**10th October**, 8th November, **12th December**

Please pray and ask the Lord how you can get involved this year. To keep in touch, we have a WhatsApp group so please let me have your contact details and I will add you.



# OTHER EVENTS

## OUTREACH

*By Steve*

❖ **Teen Challenge** – Our doors have re-opened and we pray they remain open for 2020. Please continue to pray for us as we move forward. If you have any time to spare and can help out please let me know (Steve).

❖ **Food Bank** – If you would like to contribute any non-perishable items for the Food Bank please, mark clearly and hand to any of the Stewards or Deacons - Thank You.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



I just wanted to give you all a little reminder about the annual service.

This year the service will take place on Friday 6th March 2020, the theme this year will be “Rise! Take your mat and walk” and the country of focus will be Zimbabwe.

The service will be held at St Saviours Church, McDonald Road, Forest Gate E7 at 3.30pm Please mark this date in the new diaries and calendars and even in your mobile phone.

I would encourage as many as possible to attend, men, women and children young and old alike. A warm welcome will await you. If you intend coming by vehicle, please let Suzanne know as parking permits will be needed.

Blessings.

# Exploring Mission

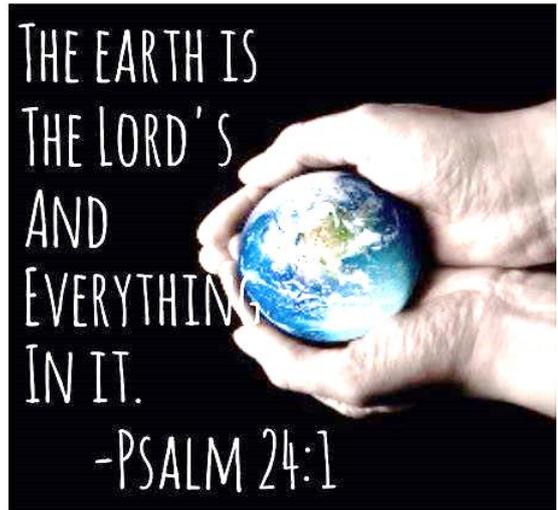
*By Suzanne*

Happy New Year. Have you heard of the story of Phileas Fogg who travelled around the world in 80 days – many films have been made about him based on the book by Jules Verne.

Well, I hope this year, to travel around the world, (not literally of course), but from the comfort of my chair and yours, as we explore more about the

wonderful world of Mission and the many organisations that go out around the UK and the world sharing the love of Christ. On this tour we will encounter organisations that we know and others, that may be we are not too familiar with. It is hoped that by the time we are finished, it will give us all a fresh understanding on mission and the part we all play in sharing the love of Christ with those we meet day by day.

So be prepared as we jet off to different parts of the world to explore more about what God is doing. The countdown has begun and from March, we will be flying. Hope you have your passport updated and your suitcase packed!



## NEWS FROM CORNWALL

*By Ron Meloy- 5th January 2020*

In the December issue I referred to a fire being built in the road where Manbey Street joins Manbey Road but did not say why this happened. The reason was in celebration of the end of the Second World War on August 14th 1945. Similar celebrations took place all over Britain. I pray and trust that in this troubled world, at the moment, no such celebrations will ever be needed again.

I am sure that during December both our churches did their utmost to celebrate our Lord's birth in such a manner that the neighbourhood became aware of the real meaning of Christmas. Stratford and St. Agnes are many miles apart, the scenery very different also some of the food and the language. However, the need to make known the Christian message is now more vital and urgent as ever.

Today for those attending a Methodist Church it will be a Covenant Service, held only once in each year. There were two featured on the TV. It is a time for a Spiritual Check Up. Here is an extract from the service that the congregation were invited to pray. "I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine, be done in all things. I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you".

My Father was a retired Metropolitan Police Officer, also known as a Bobby or Copper. As a schoolboy I had to behave myself!! Yesterday I went to watch Truro Football Club play and beat the Met. Team 4-0. I sat alongside their supporters without any worries and wished them a safe journey home. Both teams had players of many nationalities and were certainly not treated badly or with disrespect.

**A Prayer:** Grant us Lord the spirit to think and do always, those things that are right; that we may by you be enabled to live according to your will. Amen.