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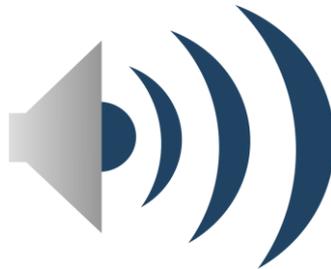
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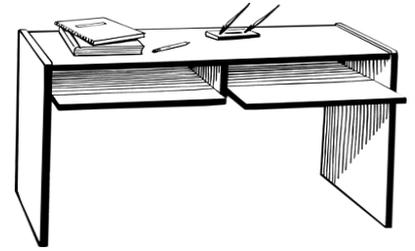


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

By Pastor Dele



Ambassadors for Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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

An ambassador is someone 'chosen and certified by a government to represent it before another government'. The ambassador becomes the person who 'speaks and acts on their behalf in another country'. That is exactly how the Good News Bible puts it:

Here we are, then, *speaking for Christ*, as though God himself were making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: let God change you from enemies into his friends! (Good News Bible)

We are called ambassadors for Christ as we are to speak for Christ. We speak not only with our words but also deeds. This is a big honour and role that God has equipped us to fulfil by the power of His Holy Spirit.

As ambassadors we have responsibilities and privileges. It becomes our responsibility to act in a manner that always brings honour and credit to God – both in our public and private life. In the things we say and the acts we do.

On the other hand, we have privileges too. We enjoy God's peace, guidance and grace. Essential ingredients of life that money cannot buy.

As Christians called to be ambassadors for Christ. Let's not forget the responsibilities and privileges that come with this calling. Both are vital to our Christian life.

After all, it is only by meeting our **responsibilities and privileges** that we can truly be reconciled to God – or as the Good News Bible puts, 'let God change you from enemies into his friends!'

A truth that Jesus himself reiterated in John 15:14

And you are my friends if you do what I command you.
(Good News Bible)

In short, being an ambassador for Christ requires doing what he has asked us to do and becoming a friend of Christ.

Prayer: Lord help me to be your friend and a good ambassador.



MARCH DIARY 2020 AT A GLANCE

Deacon(s) on Duty:

1 March – Algi
 8 March – Jane
 15 March – Steve
 22 March – TBA
 29 March - Jane



DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
1st Sunday each month	COMMUNION	Evening
Every Sunday Morning	Prayer Time in Prayer Room	10.25am- 10.55am
Wednesday Evenings	Pray & Bible Study Weds: 4th; 11th; 18th; 25th	7.30pm- 9.00pm
Saturday's	Praise & Worship Practice	5.30pm

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
Sunday 1st Morning	Lead: Suzanne Preach: Pastor Dele 13+ in Church	11.00am- 1.00pm
Sunday 1st Evening	COMMUNION Lead: Suzanne Preach: Pastor Dele	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 6th Evening	Women's Fellowship (Prayer)	8.00pm- 9.30pm
Saturday 7th Afternoon	Men's Fellowship (discussion and development)	As arranged
Sunday 8th Morning	Lead: Tex Preach: Pastor Dele Bible Study in Church	11.00am- 1.00pm
	Men's Fellowship After Service	1.15pm
Sunday 8th Evening	Lead: Steve Preach: Dorcas	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Friday 13th Evening	Prayer Focus	8.00pm- 9.30pm

DATE	EVENTS & PEOPLE	TIME
Sunday 15th Morning	COMMUNION Lead: Benson Preach: Pastor Dele 60+ lead worship Women's meeting after Service	11.00am- 1.00pm 1.15pm
Sunday 15th Evening	Lead: Jane Preach: Michael	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Saturday 21st Afternoon	Junior Church Leaders meeting	3.00pm
Sunday 22nd Morning	Family Service Mother's Day Lead: Vivienne Preach: Pastor Dele	11.00m- 1.00pm
Sunday 22nd Evening	No Evening Service	No service
Friday 27th Evening	Friday Night Prayer	8.00pm- 11.00pm
Saturday 28th Afternoon	Junior Church Team meeting	3.00pm
Sunday 29th Morning	Prayer for the Persecuted Church Lead: Sylvester Preach: Sam Nair	11.00m- 1.00pm
Sunday 29th Evening	Lead: Jane Preach: Esther M	6.30pm- 7.30pm
Monday 30th Afternoon	Over 60's Club	12.00pm- 2.00pm

Advance Notice:

Palm Sunday	Sunday 5 April
Good Friday Service	Friday 10 April - 10.30am-11.30am
Easter Sunday	Sunday 12 April
Bake Off Women's Fellowship	Sunday 26 April
Junior Church Anniversary	Sunday 10 May
Pentecost Sunday	Sunday 31 May
Love Stratford	Saturday 13 June
Father's Day	Sunday 21 June

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,

Pray that all is well with you and your family.

We have had busy times both at Church and in the News. At Church we have had and last meeting to agree the options which will build our Constitution for the Church, the Life of the Church.

The members will have one final task to do and that is to vote in the Constitution Document. We are working on putting together this now in readiness.

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

Colossians 1:18 (GNT): He is the head of His body, the Church; He is the source of the body's life. He is the first-born Son, who was raised from death, in order that He alone might have the **first place** in all things.

The responsibility that we have - Please pray that guidance, wisdom, humility, in choosing the options for our Constitution which will serve Gods purpose for His Church and those who serve Him here is upon us all. Amen.

We are Gods servants we are here in all capacity to service him.

Pray that we are 'In Christ, With Christ and all that we do is For Christ'.

Have a safe and happy month.

REPORTS

Reports from Across the Church



Prayer

By Vivienne

Proverbs 2:6-8 Good News Translation (GNT)

⁶ It is the LORD who gives wisdom; from him come knowledge and understanding. ⁷ He provides help and protection for those who are righteous and honest. ⁸ He protects those who treat others fairly, and guards those who are devoted to him.

Prayer this month

- **Thank God** for what God is doing in our midst. It is only God that can bring different people from different back grounds to pray and worship together.
- *Pray for all the members of the **Worship Team**.* Thank God for this wonderful ministry. Pray that the Lord will strengthen and protect these *minsters* in our midst. Pray that worship will continue to flow out of their **hearts** into their **homes** and into God's **house**.
- Pray for Marriages. Pray God's protection over Marriages.
- Pray for the youth in our midst – we want them to know Jesus in a deep and special way.
- Pray for the Deacons and the Pastor and the various teams in our midst. Jesus be lifted in all we do and say.
- Prayer for the elderly in our midst, that God will continue to give them good health.
- Pray that every decision we make as a Church will enrich the Kingdom of God.
- Continue to pray for London and the United Kingdom as we navigate the waters of Brexit and other situations facing our country.

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER REQUESTS

By Visiting Team (26/01/20)

- Myrtle & Frank – The physical challenges for both continues but they are grateful to God for His goodness, the support of family and carers and the contact and prayers from the Church family.
- Icilda – She was visited on 26th January, although asleep on our arrival, once awake eager as usual to join in our time of fellowship. She shared in the hymns, communion and was encouraged by the reading of one of Jesus' parable in Matthew Chapter 22. She ended by requesting prayer for God to heal her legs.
- May G – She too was visited on 26th January. Although she looked well, she was still experiencing pain in various parts of her body. She shared in communion and was encouraged by the declarations from the 23rd Psalms. Her prayer requests were for her Son and Grand Daughter.
- Doris – She was visited on 11th January. Journeys out is still a great challenge for her, even getting about indoors takes her time. She is thankful for the help and support she receives from family members. Please continue your prayers on her behalf.
- We praise God for the family members currently attending CBC as a result of contact with their loved ones. Please pray they will experience God's peace
- Our visit in February will be Sunday 23rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ministry of Flowers

By Suzanne

The flowers are being provided by the following:

Date	Provided by
1st	Irene, Suzanne & Tricia (in memory of husband and dad)
8th	Claudette R (in memory of grandson)
15th	Jackie T (in memory of Alma)
22nd	Date Free
29th	Central Baptist Church

I can't believe it's March already! We are beginning to see signs of new life coming through, with the trees and flowers budding ready for Spring. Flowers are a wonderful way of sending birthday greetings, remembering that special anniversary, to say thank you or remember a loved one – that is what the Ministry of Flowers is all about. As you can see there is one date, **Sunday 22nd March** available to use this month, and next month **Sunday 5th April** is available.

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.**

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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

Over 60's Club

By Jackie T/Rose T

This month our speaker is WPC Tracey Gunn from the Metropolitan Police. If you have never been to our meeting, please do take this opportunity to come along. All are welcome. God Bless



OTHER EVENTS

OUTREACH

By Steve

❖ **Teen Challenge** – Our doors are open, 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, please let me know

❖ **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



By Suzanne

This will take place on Friday 6th March 2019, the theme this year will be “Rise! Take your mat and walk” and the country of focus will be Zimbabwe, and will be held at St Saviour’s Church, MacDonald Road, Forest Gate at 3.30pm.

You are encouraged to attend if you can. Men, women and children young and old alike. A warm welcome will await you. Blessings.