

# CONNECTING



## PASTOR'S LETTER

*"... until Christ is formed in you."*

*Galatians 4.19*

The aim of Christian life is to have Christ formed in us. His character, His holiness. Our life lived in his.

This Lent period leading up to Easter is a time of fasting and prayer to prepare us spiritually. We are having Lent prayer meetings on Monday and Friday evenings at 7pm.

We are emphasising this year that we use the time to ask God to do his work in our lives. This may be for needs we are aware of us, as we seek for breakthrough in our own experience.

**But God's' purpose is bigger than just meeting our felt needs.** He wants Christ to be formed in us, each one of us individually and personally, as well as corporately together. So do ask him to form Christ in you as well. So we all grow in holiness and spirituality, to be like him.

On Good Friday, we shall have a March of Witness with the International Fellowship. This will

join with another march coming from Kensington. We shall then march up Portobello Road market, where we will perform a Passion Play to re-enact the events of that first Good Friday and show people pictorially what it is all about.

On Easter Sunday itself, we shall begin with a Breakfast and Communion at 9.00am. This will be followed by two events to which we can invite friends to come and discover more about our faith. First is our All-Age Celebration with Baptisms. And finally in the evening an International Fellowship Celebration.

After that the Baptists in London are having a Prayer Walk around the London Capital Ring – a circular walk around the capital. We have been asked to take charge of a section of the walk in Greenford. It is about 5 miles. Please join with me in praying for our city as we organise this initiative.

Pastor Steve

### SERMON SERIES TITLES

#### March

7th	Steve Latham	Acts 24, 25, 26	Missions
14th	Steve Latham	Acts 27	Confidence in Circumstances
21st	Dave Mahon	_____	_____
28th	Steve Latham	Acts 28:17-31	Confidence in Christ

## Regular Church Activities March

### Sunday

9am Discipleship Class  
11am Worship Service

### Sunday 21st

11am Communion Service

### Monday

7pm Lent Prayer Mtg

### Friday

7pm Lent Prayer Mtg

### Thursday

7.30pm Worship Group Mtg

### NIGHT OF PRAYER

Friday 12th 11pm - 5am

### Saturday

7am Morning Prayer Mtg

## Family Centre Activities March



### Tuesday

10am Staff Meeting  
11am Toy Library

### Wednesday

11am Toy Library

### Thursday

10am Acorns

### Friday

10am Creative Group  
5.30pm Club Xpress  
7.45pm West 2

## Other Events & Meetings - Feb

Monday 1st

7pm Finance Class  
every Monday at 6 Blomfield Rd. W9 1AH. The class is full now but Jim is happy to speak with others who are interested

Tuesday 2nd

7.30pm Core Leaders Mtg

Thursday 11th

6pm Contemplative Prayer Meeting

Mothering Sunday 14th

1.30pm Member's Meeting

Saturday 20th

10.30am Women's Ministry

Sunday 21st

9.15am Cell Leaders Meeting

7pm Living With Illness

Support Group

Saturday 27th

CLOCKS GO FORWARD

Palm Sunday 28th

08.45 Coordinators Meeting

## Prayer Needs

- ✦Feri Reshad
- ✦Tomas and Darina Meckovsky, Amelie and Noemi.
- ✦Mariola and Andrew Blucha and Alicia on the birth of their baby boy
- ✦Mamie, Paulin and baby Mervail Kayiba
- ✦Julia Downing as she leaves her post in Uganda at the end of March
- ✦Sue Stoter and her family
- ✦People preparing for Baptism on Easter Sunday
- ✦Daniela, Elaine and Hugo Francisquini
- ✦People in Haiti following the earthquake
- ✦People in Chile following the earthquake

## Advance notice for Easter Events

Good Friday 2nd April  
Good Friday March of Witness with WPIF

Easter Sunday 4th April  
9am Easter Breakfast  
11am Easter Service and Baptisms  
7pm WPIF Easter Celebration

## Youth Service

Well, the Yoof Church was a really good night. We had about 50 young people in attendance, a mixture of christian and non-christian teens came together for some vibrant worship led by the young people from Jesus The Messiah Ministries (the Filipino church that meets here).



Then we had an engaging message about the Good Samaritan from Dave Mahon, with audience participation.

The gospel was preached clearly and relevantly by Baliva, a Hip Hop artist with a a difference, and we had a wonderful mime given to us by JTMM again.



Then we topped the evening off with some delicious Jollof Rice and Chicken prepared by our very own Elizabeth Kadiri and everyone's tummy was soooo happy! We also played games and hung out together.



We have a lot to learn about what works and what doesn't, but we're glad we did it. 'I was touched' said one of the young people, 'it was



short and sweet' said another, and one youth decided to become a Christian and has since come along to a cell group. Next one's in May, so watch this space!

*Michele Mahon*

## Capital Ring Prayer Walk

On Easter Monday 5th April

The London Baptist Association is calling Baptist Churches from across London to join together to pray for our capital city and country.



The Capital Ring is a 78 mile circular walk around London. Different churches across London are walking the different sections.

Westbourne Park will be joining with up to 14 churches from the Western Area of the LBA to walk about 6 miles from Osterley Lock to Greenford. Pastor Steve will be leading this section of the walk. We will be praying for the needs of the community, the city and the nation, particularly the general elections.

### **To join the walk on Easter Monday 5th April:**

**Dress for the weather and wear suitable, comfortable shoes!**

**Meet at Boston Manor Tube Station (Piccadilly Line) at 10.30am**

**The walk will leave Osterley Lock at 11.00am**

**Please bring drinks / packed lunch to eat whilst on the walk**

**The walk will end at Greenford Tube Station, which is on the Central Line.**

#### **Osterley Lock to Greenford is:**

- ✦ An easy walk, mostly following the River Brent.
- ✦ The route is partly shared with the Grand Union Canal Walk, starting on its towpath at Osterley Lock (with signed link from Boston Manor station), and the Brent River Park Walk, whose path is rough in places and may be muddy in wet weather.
- ✦ Highlights include the impressive Wharncliffe Viaduct and Brent Lodge Park, where the spire of Hanwell church rises majestically above the trees.
- ✦ At Ruislip Road the river is left behind to pass through Perivale Park, close to South Greenford station, and on through Cayton Road Sports Ground to Greenford.
- ✦ The walking surface is almost entirely level on tarmac or rough paths and tracks, grass or pavements. Some slopes. 2 stiles.