



**NTCG**  
Northampton

College Street, Northampton, NN1 2QP

**Senior Pastor: Bishop Donovan Allen**

**20 December 2020**

***Living What We Believe***



**Keeping Hope Alive in  
Challenging Times**

**Scripture: Luke 1:39-55**

**Speaker: Rev Phyllis Thompson**

**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**

**Tel. 01604 630 007**



## Greetings Church Family

First, I give thanks to the Lord for his tender mercies. He has guided our steps throughout 2020 with so many unfolding events taking place. I join the Psalmist who states that "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say.

<sup>2</sup> If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men revolted against us:

<sup>3</sup> Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us.

<sup>4</sup> Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul.

<sup>5</sup> Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

<sup>7</sup> Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

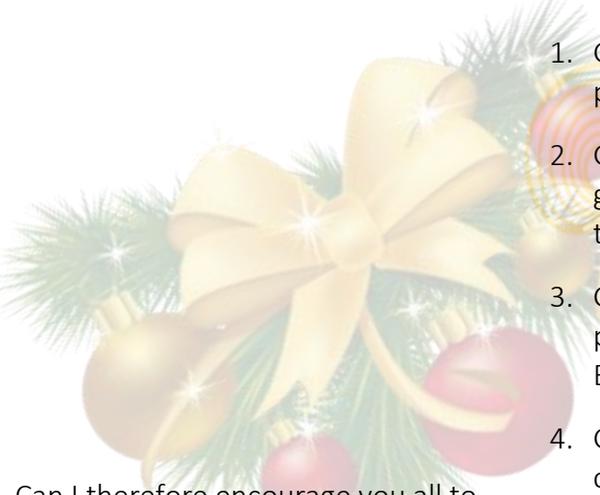
<sup>8</sup> Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124

God has been good to us despite the challenges we have encountered. I bless God for keeping you all safe and I also welcome all our new faces who have join us this year.

First let me also express a big thank you to the Ministerial leadership team, all HOD, and the beloved and committed members of our church for your hard work throughout this pandemic. A special thanks go to the COVID-19 Task force team of Marie, Wilbur, Martin, Paulette, and the Media team for the tremendous work they did to get our church COVID-19 compliance with all the regulations as set out by the Government. A big thank you to them .

Sadly, during this pandemic some of our brethren have suffered and experienced bereavements, job losses, sickness, uncertainties and many lonely days and nights. However, God has never left our side. God has remained faithful and He will continue to provide.



1. God providing Fresh Manna for his people.
2. God empowering His Church to grow Stronger in His Word and in the Holy Spirit.
3. God building his Church and His people with strong Spiritual Backbone.
4. God re-energising people to complete the Great Commission.
5. God shaking kingdoms for his glory – some will fall but many will Rise.
6. **And if a great falling away take place ensure you are not in that number.**

Can I therefore encourage you all to remain faithful to the Lord and His Great Commission? Can I encourage you to be faithful to the Household of Faith, and keep on loving each other and welcoming with open arms those whom the Lord has brought to us to love and take care of?

God bless you and thank you for all your support including the great financial commitments still made by many for the work of the Lord. Thank you and keep on praying, giving, loving, and encouraging one another and reaching out to a world who needs you. Light a candle for someone this Christmas.

Have a peaceful Christmas and good news to all men for unto us is born in the city of David is Christ the Lord.

Finally, as we look forward to 2021, here are some of the things I see on the Horizon....

God bless and continue to keep us all in your prayer.

*D Allen*

**Bishop Donovan Allen, Family & Leadership Team**



Special thanks and appreciation to **Rachelle Peart** for organising this year's **Operation Christmas Shoe box**. Many boxes were received and distributed. Well done Rachelle.

Special thanks also to **Elise Welds** for organising the collection and distribution of food to our **local food banks** and **Home Start services** here in Northampton.



Thank you all for your generous contributions and giving to a worthy causes.

God bless You  
Pastor Donovan Allen

# “ WELLBEING EXERCISE CORNER ”

## EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

### Definition:

“Capability of a person to regulate his or her emotions and have the ability to control the emotions of others as well”

*Finally, my brethren, what it all boils down to is this.*

*The secret to managing your emotions is hidden in the way you manage your thoughts.*

*Be selective!*

*Think about your thoughts!*

*Choose to dismiss some thoughts!*

*Some thoughts are not worthy of your thinking!*

*Some thoughts come to destroy you!*

*Some thoughts bring fear!*

*Instead,*

*Choose the thoughts that contain truth!*

*Choose thoughts you can agree with!*

*Choose thoughts that are fair and right!*

*Choose pure thoughts that make you smile!*

*Choose thoughts that you can celebrate and testify about!*

*This is the wisdom of Emotional Intelligence!*

(An exposition of Philippians 4: 8)

***Paulette Peters***  
***Your Emotional Wellbeing Coach***



***Please join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of  
Jesus Christ***

*over the*

***Christmas and New Year Season***

**SUNDAY 20-12-2020 11:00 am - College Street**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 25-12-2020 11:00 am - Online**

**SUNDAY 27-12-2020 11:00 am - College Street**

**NEW YEARS EVE 10:00 pm -Via Zoom**

**Meeting ID 865 6398 4696 Passcode 073751**

**NTCG Creative Arts Event from 11:15 pm**



**YouTube**

**Exit Engage Emerge**

**NTCG Online**

*an evening of worship and celebration*

**SUNDAY 03-01-2021 11:00 am -College Street**

**New Testament Church of God Northampton, College Street, Northampton , NN1 2QP  
01604 630 007 | <https://www.ntcgnorthampton.org.uk> | email [info@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:info@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk)**

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Dear Church Members & Friends,

## **Your Personal Invitation to Service on Sundays**

If you would like to attend we are kindly asking everyone to register their attendance online via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ntcg-northampton-sunday-services-tickets-117427890983> [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ntcg-northampton-sunday-services-tickets-117427890983).

Registration will be open each week from Sunday to Wednesday. Spaces will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The numbers will continue to be limited in order to comply with government guidelines.

If you do not have access to online facilities, please book your space by sending a Text to **07510 255 128**, no later than Wednesday of each week.

Should your circumstances change once you have booked and you are no longer able to attend, please cancel your booking to release the space for someone else.

Thanks again for your co-operation as we continued to adapt to these changes.

God bless you.

Yours sincerely

*D Allen*

*Bishop Donovan Allen*  
***Senior Pastor***



Dear Church Brethren,

Thank you for your ongoing prayers at this time.

In terms of an update, I can now confirm that I will be having surgery on Monday 4th January 2021, followed by a period of recuperation.

You will appreciate that following surgery, direct contact will be limited. I would therefore be most grateful if you could liaise with Pastor Allen or one of the Ministers should you wish to make contact during this time. As always, I am trusting in the healing power of Almighty God - whatever - whether miraculously or through the medical treatment - and depending upon the constant and peaceful presence of Abba Father.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Rev Virginia Thomas**



**Would you like someone to pray with you?**

**GET IN TOUCH**

**01604 436394**

**during our live service**

**11:00 am -1:00 pm TODAY**



Youth and  
Discipleship

## **SAVE THE DATE**

The District Youth Leaders and Youth will be ministering to us in scripture readings from  
**14 to 24 December.**

This will followed by a Youth Christmas Service on  
YouTube on **24 December**

Check out the Facebook page  
**NTCGLeicesterDistrictYouth**

## 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#**

# Discipleship Growth Plan

## September 2019 – December 2020

### *Living what we believe - Knowing Being Doing*

#### Sis Sterling

I joined Northampton NTCG in 1960 when it met in Alfred Street School Hall. I remember how we had to take up the straw that the dogs slept on before we could use the hall. The 'pastor' at that time was one Bro Wooley, an English man who was a missionary and had recently returned from missions in the West Indies.



My husband and I used to share a house with a man who went to the missionary meetings led by Bro Wooley. One Sunday evening, I decided to go along with him to the meeting. Bro Wooley had just come back from the West Indies and he was pleased to see us attend his meeting.

One day, Bro Casely, from the Rugby NTCG, called at the house I was living in whilst he was making 'house calls' to spread the gospel and establish a NTCG congregation in Northampton. I went along to the service to which he invited me and in 1961, became the first member of NTCG in Northampton. Not long afterwards others joined. Some, such as the late Sis Liburd, the late Bro Heath, Sis Heath, Bro & Sis Spence who came from the Rugby NTCG, some were already Christians but attending other churches such as the late Sis Brown, Bro & the late Sis Cleghorn (not the current Sis Cleghorn), the late Bro Casely & Sis Casely who now lives in Leicester and others who became Christians as a result of our evangelistic efforts. As our children were born the Church became engaged in wider ministries through its liturgy and other child/youth related activities. My daughter Valerie, was the first baby to be dedicated in the Northampton NTCG.

Later on, we moved from Vernon Terrace to Victoria Road and from Victoria Road and under the leadership of the late Rev Eric Bailey we moved to Barry Road which was a bigger building. Our Sunday School grew with mainly children from the black community albeit their parents didn't come to church. We also extended our times of meeting and held a morning and an evening service on Sundays.

In 1969 Rev & Sis R Parkinson replaced Rev Bailey as the local minister. By this time we were meeting as a gathered community and extended our times of meeting to accommodate Young People for Christ (YPFC) on a

Wednesday/Thursday evenings, ladies meeting on Wednesday evenings led by Sis Parkinson who taught the ladies handicrafts and how to make several things. Prayer meetings were held on Wednesdays. All of these services were held to help everyone to grow in our Christian faith. Fund raising activities such as Jumble Sales and sponsored walks, were also organised mainly by the young people to raise money to buy our own church building. A lot of money was raised over the years, and as a result today we have our own building here at College Street as an outcome of our hard work, commitment and resilience.

Looking back to those early years in comparison to now, I would say that the brethren were closer, we were more like a family. I miss that sense of 'togetherness'. I also miss the brethren who were there during those early years. I think there is a tendency now for something almost like a tier system in our church where some members are seen to be at the top, some move around in cliques and others appear to be in a lower and excluded group. I hope and pray that this does not become a reality.

I am not able to attend College St at this time due to the Covid-19 challenges. I'm staying with my daughter and go to the church where she does in Leicester or I stay at home and listen to a service in Oxford via YouTube or we go to Oxford. However, I am still in touch with some of the College St brethren, some come to see me in Leicester and I receive copies of the News Bulletin to keep me further updated.

We have come a long way. Our current ministers have been to college and university and so they are highly educated. I hope though that we will never be so 'highly educated' that we fail to take wise counsel from Spirit-led believers as the Lord leads.

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@ntcnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:growth@ntcnorthampton.org.uk)



# NTCG

Northampton College Street

## Community Prayer Line



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

Matt 11:28



Charity No. 250306

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

**Mother Medlin Gleghorn**

**Sandra Heath**

**Ernie Barrett**

**Brittani Francis**

**Clifford Johnson**

**Richard Holness**

**Paulette Wright**

**Martin Cole**

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

*Please contact a member of the Comms Team or email [news@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk](mailto:news@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk) and we will include your news in the weekly notice sheet - all items to be submitted **by 5pm on Wednesday***

# THE ENGINE ROOM 2021

NTCG

New Testament Church of God, England & Wales



## NOW ON zoom

**THE ENGINE ROOM** is a national prayer strategy designed to underpin the mission and ministry of the New Testament Church of God at national, district and local levels. During these sessions, prayers are offered for a wide range of needs as well as thanking for all God has done and will continue to do in the lives of his people.

Dr. Donald Bolt - Administrative Bishop

### IN THE ENGINE ROOM WE STAND IN THE GAP AND MAKE INTERCESSIONS FOR:



Marriages and Families



Persecuted Christians



Politicians and Governments around the world



Those who are sick and various other needs



Nations and World Leaders



People suffering as a result of natural or man-made disasters and crises



The victims of terrorist attacks

## zoom

Meeting ID  
**909 523 7099**  
Passcode  
**445566**

DIAL IN  
0208 080 6591  
0208 080 6592

**JOIN US AT**  
**10:30am**  
to  
**12:30pm**

WED 13 JANUARY  
WED 10 FEBRUARY  
WED 17 MARCH  
WED 14 APRIL  
WED 12 MAY  
WED 9 JUNE

WED 7 JULY  
WED 11 AUGUST  
WED 8 SEPTEMBER  
WED 6 OCTOBER  
WED 10 NOVEMBER  
WED 8 DECEMBER

All are welcome! Places are limited so please log in early to avoid disappointment.

# GENEROSITY

the most *natural* outward expression  
of an inner attitude of *compassion*

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Special thanks to all who have been supporting us with your Tithes, Offerings Gifts and Benevolence.

God bless you and thank you so much.

From Bishop Allen &  
Leadership Team

# Ways of Giving

We still recognise that some need our bank details so that they can pay online. They are the following:

|                      |                                                             |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Bank:</b>         | NatWest                                                     |
| <b>Name:</b>         | NTCG Northampton                                            |
| <b>Sort code:</b>    | 60-15-55                                                    |
| <b>Account:</b>      | 83826793                                                    |
| <b>Reference:</b>    | <i>Initial Last Name – Type</i><br><i>e.g. J Bloggs - T</i> |
| <b>Payment Type:</b> | T = Tithes / O = Offering / G = Gift /<br>B = Benevolence   |

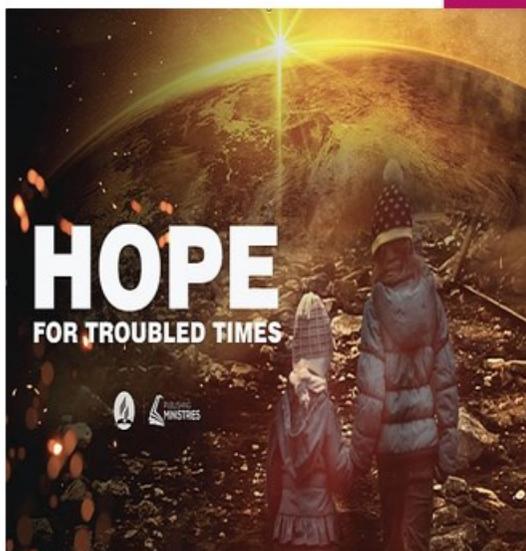
Details to **donate online** can be found on our webpage  
<https://ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/how-to-donate/>

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](mailto:secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk)

**Be still and  
know that I  
am God. I will  
be exalted  
among the  
nations. I will  
be exalted in  
the Earth**

**Psalms 46:10**



**2021**

# notes

Date:



## *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](mailto: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](mailto: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 before the start of Service. Thank You.**

Notice Sheet also available at [www.ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/about-us/news](http://www.ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/about-us/news)