

Diary

Every Day 1:00 p.m.	Pray for one person for one minute at one o'clock.
Saturday 28 th February	Fasting
Sunday 1 st March 10:30 a.m. Popley Fields 1:30 p.m.	We will be Breaking Bread together and after the service there will be a celebration of Azhinue's Birthday.
Sunday 8 th March Popley Fields 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Youth Meeting
Saturday 14 th March 9:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast
Saturday 14 th March Clapton	Big Move Regional Seminar
Saturday 28 th March 9:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 4 th April	Fasting
Sunday 5 th April 10:30 a.m. Popley Fields	We will be Breaking Bread. After the service, we will continue with a meal.
Thursday 9 th April	Easter – All Night Fellowship This is always a great time of fellowship, if you can not manage all night then please come for an hour or two.
Saturday 11 th April	Ladies Breakfast
Friday 17 th to Sunday 19 th April	District Women's Seminar
Sunday 19 th April	Youth Meeting

Please make a special effort to attend as many of our meetings as you can especially the Prayer Meeting and Bible Studies. Sharing time together in Fellowship is important and helps us all to Grow Spiritually.

“We who had sweet fellowship together” Psalm 55:14

NTCOG NEWS

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Please read this newsletter carefully, make a note of the regular meetings, the special dates and make every effort to attend.

Our Mission

To present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the local community in a powerful, practical and relevant way.

To encourage every member of the Church to develop their God given ministry and to fulfil their potential.

Weekly Meetings

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Popley Fields Community Centre
Carpenters Down
Popley
RG24 9AE

Monday – Hour of Power
7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Home Groups
As Announced

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Gift Aid

Starting this week we will be making Gift Aid envelopes available for those who wish to use them when giving their Tithes and Offering to God.

The Gift Aid System applies to UK Tax Payers and enables us to claim an extra 25 pence for every pound that is given. If you are paying tax, then please prayerfully consider using the Gift Aid System for your Tithes and Offering.

Poet's Corner

There is an awesome silence
A feeling of expectancy
A stillness in the air
The birds stop singing
Children stop playing
People look worried and tense
They cannot make the sense

Suddenly a trumpet sounds
The sky is a brilliant light
People cower back and shade their eyes
To see a Man clothed in white
As they look friends and neighbours rise into the air
To meet the Man scarred hands raised
An joyously sing His praise
As the disappear out of sight

Joan Macintosh

God Never Lets Go

This truth has been expressed in the famous poem "Footsteps", in many Hymns and Songs that we sing and of course by Jesus Himself.

"... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20 NASB95)

But we need to be constantly reminded that God is there and that no matter what our thoughts or the voices that seek to distract us are trying to tell us, He is in control.

The Apostle Paul said...

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28 NASB95)

This verse is so rich but I just want to focus on two words:

All - This means everything, no exceptions, no exclusions. The Bible does not say "some things" it clearly says "all things". This means that whatever you are going through, good or bad, God is working to achieve His purpose in your life.

Good - This tells us that whatever we are currently experiencing, the final outcome will make it all worthwhile. This tells us that we must learn to focus on the destination, which is God's purpose for our lives, rather than our current experience. Our experience may be good or bad but God's purpose is always good.

Think about the Poem Footsteps:

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord,

"You promised me Lord, that if I followed You, You would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed You most, have You not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

Just like the author of the poem we must be careful about the way that we interpret the "evidence." Faith tells us that no matter what we are going through, good or bad, no matter what the evidence says to the contrary, that God is with us and the destination is good. Pastor Graham