

Diary

Every Day 1:00 p.m.	Pray for one person for one minute at one o'clock.
Saturday 4 th September	Fasting
Sunday 5 th September	First Sunday – this will be a special occasion as Phil and Emily will be dedicating Ruby. We will not be Breaking Break but there will be lunch after this meeting.
Saturday 11 th September	Women's Breakfast
Saturday 25 th September	Men's Breakfast
Friday 1 st to Sunday 3 rd October	National Women's Conference at the Bethel Conference Centre in West Bromwich.
Saturday 2 nd October	Fasting
Sunday 3 rd October	First Sunday – we will be Breaking Bread together and sharing testimonies so come prepared. We will not be meeting for lunch after this meeting because of the National Women's Conference.
Saturday 9 th October	Women's Breakfast
Saturday 23 rd October	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 6 th November	Fasting
Sunday 7 th November	First Sunday – we will be Breaking Bread together and sharing testimonies so come prepared. We will be meeting for lunch after this meeting.

Remember

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

Tuesday
7:30 pm

Thursday – Open Door

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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What Would Jesus Do?

YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.” 1 Peter 1:16 (NASB)

The call to holiness as the standard of living for God’s people can be found throughout the Old and New Testaments.

The seventh statement of our Basis of Faith covers holiness and says:

Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.

The Bible clearly tells us that we are to be holy it is therefore essential that we understand what holiness is. The dictionary defines holy as:

- ...relating to or associated with God or a deity; sacred
- ...endowed or invested with extreme purity
- ...devout

This reveals three aspects of holiness that we need to understand.

Relationship

The first thing that we must understand about holiness is the source. Holiness comes from our relationship with God, the foundation of our holiness is our personal faith in Jesus and the strength to live a holy life comes from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

We are incapable of being holy apart from the salvation that comes from Jesus’ death on the Cross. As unrepentant and unforgiving men and women we could never attain holiness. Holiness can only be achieved when we have a relationship with God

Purity

Next we need to understand that holiness requires that we actively avoid sin. Sin is a word that has been sidelined by our politically correct, live and let live society which encourages tolerance and rejects moral absolutes.

To avoid sin we must do the things that God says are good and avoid the things that God says are bad. The Ten Commandments are a good start in understanding purity.

1. ‘You shall have no other gods before Me’
2. ‘You shall not make for yourself an idol ... you shall not worship them or serve them’ ...

3. ‘You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain’ ...
4. ‘Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy’ ...
5. ‘Honour your father and your mother’ ...
6. ‘You shall not murder’
7. ‘You shall not commit adultery’
8. ‘You shall not steal’
9. ‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour’
10. ‘You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife ... or anything that belongs to your neighbour.’

Deuteronomy 5:7–21 (NASB)

Another good starting point is the simple question “what would Jesus do?”

Devout

Finally we need to be devoted to God and take our Christian faith seriously. Too many Christians are content to carry on living in the same way and with the same moral standards as the rest of society. Their actions are determined by what society allows and not what God’s word says.

The devout Christian lives a life of integrity. One where their actions are consistent with their beliefs. It is through the consistency of their beliefs and their actions that they achieve a holy lifestyle.

Let’s Be Holy

As we strive to be the people and Church that God wants us to be we need to decide that true holiness will be our standard for living knowing that holiness is what God expects and anything else is second best.

To be holy we need to value our relationship with God and allow the Holy Spirit to help and strengthen us. We must also avoid sin and pursue purity, we may not be able to live perfect lives but we all have the potential to do better. Finally, we need to be more devout in our faith spending a bit more time doing what pleases God and a bit less simply pleasing ourselves.

Pastor Graham

Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payers then the Government will give us 25 pence for every pound that you give so please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes for your tithe and offering.