

## tithes & offering

We stand and declare that we are all cheerful givers. We commit these tithes and our offerings to God as our first fruits, our expressions of gratitude for God's goodness. We give because God so loved us that He first gave by sending His only Son to die for our sins. We gladly proclaim that "It is more blessed to give than to receive"; we are blessed as individuals and as a church family. We will continue to give cheerfully to the building up of the Kingdom of God and the work of His church because we know that this is what God desires of His faithful followers.



Pause on a Tuesday for **Midday Meditation** from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.



Participate in **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Please find the Zoom link below.

### UPCOMING EVENTS—JULY

- \* The Women's Federation will be having its 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service next Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.
- \* The Sunday School Anniversary Service will take place on Sunday, July 20, 2025, under the *Theme: Faithful to the Finish: Growing Together in Grace.*
- \* Family and Fellowship Outing will be held on Saturday, July 26. Please save the date. Additional details will be provided at a later date.
- \* The 3rd Quarterly Members' Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m.
- \* Open Sunday School will take place on August 31. The activity will be the Sunday School Quiz.

### MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS

Sis. Ruby Beckford  
Sis. Enid Shand  
Sis. Enid Coke  
Sis. Claire Anderson  
Sis. Hazel Davis  
Sis. Violet McLeary  
Sis. Samantha Taylor-Brown  
Sis. June Dunkley  
Sis. Princess Halliman Robinson  
Bro. Donald Miller  
Bro. David Levermore  
Bro. Frankie Dinnald  
Bro. Ken Allison  
Rev. and Mrs. Earl & Patricia Morgan



*If you can call, visit or say a prayer for these brethren, it would be appreciated tremendously.*

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**Musicians:** Francois Brown (on duty)

**Sunday School Supt.:** Sis. Sharon Earle-Edwards  
**Sunday School:** 8:00 a.m.

Join us at: <https://tinyurl.com/BBCSundaySchool>  
**Meeting ID:** 859 2802 5543 **Password:** 113204

**New Members' Class:** 8:00 a.m. on Zoom.  
**Meeting ID:** 881 1539 8995 **Password:** 269869

**Women's Federation:** 2nd Sundays after worship.  
**Church Council Meeting:** Thursday before 1st Sunday

**Midday Meditation:** Tuesday @ 11:45—12:45 p.m. on Zoom.

**Meeting ID:** 818 8924 6904 **Password:** 044267

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study:** Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

**Meeting ID:** 882 5775 8645 **Password:** 211236

**Praise Team Practice:** Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.

**Golden Spring Church Service:** 11:00—12:30 p.m.

### BBC Banking Info:

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# Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

*BARBICAN CIRCUIT*  
(Jamaica Baptist Union)

## Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

July 6, 2025

9:15 A.M.

**Church Year Theme:** Keeping Faith With The Word In An Ever-Changing World: Pursuing Integrity

**Theme for the Month:** Free From ... Free For



**Leader:**

Sister Dr. Sharon Earle-Edwards

**Speaker:**

Reverend Trevor Edwards

**Deacon on Duty:**

Deacon Andre Harris

**Pastor:**

Reverend Trevor Edwards  
*Barbican/Golden Spring  
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

## APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**People: sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.**

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

**People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

**All: God alone is worthy, lets worship Him in spirit and truth.**

### Choruses of Praise

- I've Got Peace Like a River
- He Set Me Free One Day

**Gathering Hymn** # 207  
**BHB**  
*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou light of men;  
From the best bliss that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,  
To them that find Thee, all in all!

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon Thee still;  
We drink of Thee, the fountain-head,  
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad, when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest, when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright,  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

*tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87*

**Prayer** *Holy Spirit Thou Art*  
**Chorus** *Welcome in This Place*

### PRAYER OF PRAISE, ADORATION & CONFESSION

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
Holy, holy, holy be Thy name  
Our Father who art in heaven, holy be Thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come on earth, Thy will be done on earth,  
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread (Repeat x 3)  
And forgive us our trespasses (Repeat)  
As we forgive those who trespass against us,  
Forgive us our trespasses.*

*Do not lead us into temptation (Repeat)  
But deliver us from all evil, (Repeat)*

*Amen, Amen, Amen! Amen, Amen, Amen!*  
*(Fr. Richard Ho Lung)*

#### Responsive Reading Psalm 30 (NRSV)

Leader: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

Leader: O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**People: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name.**

Leader: For His anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**People: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

Leader: By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**People: To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

Leader: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Jesus addressed this directly, as recounted in John 8:34, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." He was speaking to a group of Jews, some of whom had just expressed belief in Him, while others were challenging His authority. The conversation began with Jesus offering them true freedom: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32). His audience objected, claiming that as descendants of Abraham, they were never slaves and therefore did not need to be set free. Jesus responded by clarifying that He was not speaking of political or physical slavery, but of spiritual bondage. The greatest captivity is not physical but spiritual. And because of that, the greatest freedom is not political but redemptive.

The awesome responsibility of freedom for the believer is that it is both a gift and a charge. It is the awesome responsibility of living rightly before God and others. Those who claim to love the Lord are entrusted with this sacred stewardship. The Apostle Paul, in writing to the Galatians, offers a profound warning and exhortation: "Do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13). Freedom is not an escape from responsibility; it is the embrace of it.

There are at least three major responsibilities of the truly free:

The Responsibility to Live Holy Lives  
The Responsibility to Serve  
The Responsibility to Proclaim the Gospel

In this era of shifting norms and growing confusion, the Church must rise as both a beacon and a bastion of true freedom. This requires courage. It means speaking unpopular truths, defending righteousness, and resisting cultural pressures to compromise. It also means demonstrating freedom through compassionate service, holy living, and the bold proclamation of the gospel. The Church has both the opportunity and the mandate to lead. The problems of violence, corruption, broken families, and lost youth cannot be solved by governments alone. These are spiritual battles that demand spiritual solutions — and that begins with a people who understand what it means to be truly free.

Freedom is one of God's greatest gifts, but it also grants us one of His most awesome responsibilities. It is not simply the breaking of chains but the empowerment to live rightly, serve others, and proclaim His truth. As modern norms shift and the world debates what freedom means, the gospel remains unchanging. True freedom begins at the cross and is sustained by obedience, love, and mission.

The world does not need more empty declarations of freedom. It needs hearts that have been truly set free, and lives that demonstrate the beauty, power, and responsibility of that freedom. Only then will families heal, nations prosper, and God be glorified.

Amen.

*Deacon Douglas Levermore*





## Hymn

### *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

**J**esus keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all a healing stream  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

#### **Chorus**

*In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me  
There the bright and morning star,  
Shed its beams around me.

Near the cross Oh Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I watch and wait  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

*Fanny Crosby, 1869*

## ☪ Holy Communion ☪



Communion (Invitation, Institution,  
Consecration, Distribution,  
Communal prayer, collection)

### **Covenant Sharing**

## ☪ Closing Prayer ☪

## ☪ BENEDICTION ☪

## CHURCH COVENANT

**H**aving been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to work together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to seek God's help in abstaining from all drugs, food, drink, and practices which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly and sisterly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.



## JULY 2025

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 03—Sister Sonia Lewis
- 04—Sister Princess Robinson
- 06—Sister Margaret Nevers
- 11—Sister Jodian Henry
- 11—Brother William Kirkcaldy  
Bucknor
- 12—Sister June Dunkley
- 14—Brother Wilbert Miller
- 22—Miss Nickaylia Brown
- 25—Sister Dr. Sharon Earle-Edwards
- 25—Brother Ronaldo Russell
- 26—Sister Vivienne Davidson
- 28—Sister Althea Bradford-Britton
- 31—Sister Reanne Spence-Dunn

### **Anniversaries**

- 01—Deacon Douglas & Cheryl  
Levermore
- 03—Rev. Earl & Patricia Morgan
- 21—Drs. Eron & Grace McLean
- 29—Mr & Mrs Richard & Nicole  
Jackson