

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS—NOVEMBER

- * Members' Rally (Gift) will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 during Worship.
- * Candlelight and Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- * December 19-20, Thurs. & Fri., Caroling at Hi-Lo Barbican at 5:30 p.m.
- * Sun. Dec. 22:
 - * Bring best friend to Sunday Sch.
 - * Class 4 visits Golden Spring.



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.

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
Bro. Donald Miller
Bro. David Levermore
Bro. Frankie Dinnald
Rev. and Mrs. Earl & Patricia Morgan



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



Sis. Marcia Roach has sheet sets, mattress covers, dust ruffles and runners for sale. Interested persons, please call her at 876-773-9527

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Musicians: Francois Brown (on duty)
Brett Blackellar

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 **Passcode:** 113204

New Members' Class: 8:00 a.m.

Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88115398995?pwd=VVJWeVdoNmIzVTIEUkpZ3MvQXRzUT09>
Meeting ID: 881 1539 8995 **Passcode:** 269869

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

Midday Meditation: Tuesday @ 11:45—12:45 p.m.
Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81889246904?wd=VU1nMDRaRWhOby9Xa1RzdjZKVDd1dz09>
Meeting ID: 818 8924 6904 **Password:** 044267

Women's Federation: 2nd Sundays after worship
Finance Committee Meeting: Third Tuesdays

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88257758645?pwd=RjhuVlIYSGNzUINWeEpUMDAvaFISZz09>
Meeting ID: 882 5775 8645 **Password:** 211236

Youth Fellowship: Fridays @ 7:00 p.m.
Praise Team Practice: Saturdays @ 5:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting: Thursday before 1st Sunday

Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

December 1, 2024

9:15 A.M.

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

Theme for the Month: Advent—Fulfilling Promises



Leader:

Sister Sonia Lewis

Speaker:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

Deacon on Duty:

Deacon James Scarlett

Pastor:

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

APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: The days are coming; Your salvation is nearing.

People: Teach us Your paths as we wait on Your coming promise.

Leader: The heavens are speaking; Your kingdom is arriving.

People: Strengthen our hearts as we wait on Your coming promise.

Leader: The world is turning; new life is appearing.

People: Keep us alert as we wait on Your coming promise.

Leader: We worship You with waiting hearts this day.

All: Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

Readings—Lighting of the 1st Advent Candle

Choruses of Praise

- His Name Is Wonderful
- Here I Am to Worship

Gathering Hymn # 347
BP&W

Shine, Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

Chorus
Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

Graham Kendrick, 1987

Prayer Chorus *Hosanna, Hosanna, in the Highest*

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 25:1-10**
(NRSV)

Leader: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Leader: Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

Leader: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.

The incidence with these boys is not isolated, it's only the tip of the iceberg. Our youngsters need help, and the church has a role to play in collaborating with other interest groups in our society to rescue our youths, both those who are victims and those who are perpetrators of sex crimes.

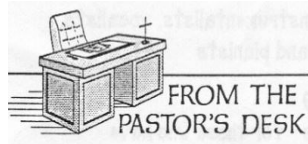
Loneliness

Another matter before I go. A study was recently published in South Korea highlighting what was described as a loneliness epidemic spreading worldwide. It was observed that every year thousands of Korean middle-aged men die alone, being cut off from family and friends. Loneliness is not just the absence of having people around. It's the absence of purpose – coming to the end of one's life and there is no community to share with, no family to interact with, and no sense of having contributed to the rest of society that is respected, valued, and appreciated. Loneliness then is not limited to the aged or restricted to any culture or society. It can impact anyone, including youths, who lack family and social connection and who lack value in themselves and meaning in life.

This season can intensify the feelings of loneliness, not only for the fact that we have a growing aging population, but some have also lost loved ones through death or divorce and feel especially lonely and vulnerable at this time. Connect with friends, get involved with your church and members look out for one another. Reach out to those alone at home, invite them for a meal, and visit those in the hospital. Make sure that there is hope and joy for those who seek the fellowship of God's people during this Advent season.

Shalom

Your Pastor



Dear Members,

We are beginning another year of the liturgical calendar, usually starting in Advent. It's a season of hope, love, peace and joy.

There are two issues I would like to comment on at this time. At the time of writing this message, six teenage boys were charged after being positively identified for raping a thirteen-year-old girl. The boys have been charged with, "rape, forcible abduction, knowing and producing child pornography and distributing child pornography".

It is easy to dismiss this story as just another one of them, they got caught, but what of other cases that never get reported and where hush money was paid to keep the victims quiet or where the family of the victim was threatened? My Heart goes out to this teenage girl who has to live with the shame, the trauma of being violated and possibly being emotionally scarred for life for having to endure this experience and live with the memory.

On the other hand, this is a story that could paint a gloomy picture of hopelessness for the youths of our nation but let us not stop there. It forces you to get into the minds of these boys and ask, "What were they thinking? Where did they get the idea that their action was appropriate and acceptable? What kind of formation did they receive from their homes? What is their family history like? Do they have younger female siblings, and would they be happy for other boys to treat their siblings like this? Did they think they were free to do what they wanted with this little girl, without some consequences?"

These are questions that cannot be ignored. This incident, however, does provide an opportunity for the church and other institutions like the family and the school to intervene and help our young people to be formed into responsible citizens. There is no doubt that exposure to explicit sexual content on the internet can influence children's behaviour where there is no guidance.

Hope is extended when the church becomes more intentional in its sex education programme. This means not shying away from the topic of sex but talking about it in healthy ways to young people, helping them to understand its value in acceptable social relationships and its dangers when not handled responsibly; offering strategies for coping, resisting peer pressure, respecting one another's rights and maintaining mutually acceptable ways of interacting.

Children are helped when parents are trained to offer guidance; when those working with children and youths at church are trained to talk comfortably about sex where they can offer guidance without judgment to youths struggling with inappropriate sexual behaviour.

People: Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble His way.

All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Brief Welcome

Announcements

Recognition of Birthdays – DECEMBER

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory song: Thank You, Lord

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Readings O.T.—Jer. 33:14-16
N.T.—Luke 21:25-36

Hymn of Preparation *Be Still, My Soul*

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide;

in every change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the veil of tears, then shalt thou better know His love, His heart, who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.

Be still, my soul; thy Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Kathrina von Schlegel, 1752

PREPARATION CHORUS

*Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy name (rept.)
Glorify Thy name (rept.)
Bless Thy word unto our hearts
And glorify Thy name.*



Hymn

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BHB

*How Sweet the Name
of Jesus Sounds*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see you as you are,
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of your name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton, 1725-1807

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

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BP&W
**Passover God, We
Remember Your
Faithfulness**

Passover God, we remember your faithfulness
God of the exodus, friend of the poor;
people bowed down with the burden of power-
lessness,
sin in its ruthlessness making them slaves.

Still people shrivel, imprisoned in bitterness,
hemmed in by fear and diminished by hate;
tormented prisoners and perishing hungry ones,
broken humanity calls for your aid.

You summoned Moses to work for the free-
dom march,
you called the slaves to be people of hope;
set free from Egypt, you led them through
desert lands,
loving commands gave them justice and truth.

You gave the travelers bread in the wilderness;
strengthen us now with the bread that we
share:
bread for the struggle and wine for rejoicing;
in Christ you free us and teach us to care.

We are your people, still called to a promised
land,
called for a purpose with Christ as the way;
grant us commitment to wholeness and liberty,
strength for the journey and grace for each day.

Christopher Ellis (1949)

Hymn

In Remembrance of Me

In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your brother in, let him in

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me

Ragan Courtney and Buryl Red, 1972

☞ Holy Communion ☞



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

Covenant Sharing

☞ Closing Prayer ☞

☞ BENECTION ☞

CHURCH COVENANT

Having 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 engage-
ments, 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.



DECEMBER 2024

Birthdays

- 02 – Sister Angella Distant
- 03 – Sister Marion Johnson-Herbert
- 07 – Brother Cebert Blackellar
- 07 – Sister Michele Morgan-Hamilton
- 10 – Sister Nadeen Quest
- 12 – Deacon Douglas Levermore
- 12 – Mrs Nina Levermore
- 13 – Brother David Levermore
- 16 – Sister Nicole Smith-Jackson
- 18 – Mr Laurence Drysdale
- 20 – Miss Imani Salmon
- 21 – Brother Brian Walker
- 24 – Sister Rema Spence Dunn
- 27 – Brother Alfonso Brown
- 29 – Sister Latoya Robinson

Anniversaries

- 12 – Mr & Mrs Cebert and Michelle Blackellar
- 14 – Mr & Mrs Robert and Princess Robinson
- 14 – Mr & Mrs Noel and Angela Stennett
- 19 – Dr & Deacon David and Joye Levermore
- 27 – Reverend & Dr Trevor and Sharon Earle-Edwards
- 28 – Deacon & Mrs Clifton and Margaret Anderson