

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—FEBRUARY

- * Monday, February 3, is Jamaica Baptist Union's Women's Day of Prayer.
- * Wednesday, March 5 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season.
- * The JBU's 175th General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, February 19 to Sunday, February 23 in Montego Bay. We will have a modified service here at Barbican, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. instead of 9:15 a.m.



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.

NOTES

BARBICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

106 Barbican Road, Kgn 8
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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=VVJlWVd0NmZVTlEUKpaZ3MvQXRrSUt09>
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=RjhuVlllYSZGNzUINWwEpUMDAvaFISZz09>
Meeting ID: 882 5775 8645 **Password:** 211236

Youth Fellowship: Fridays @ 7:00 p.m.
Praise Team Practice: Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.
Church Council Meeting: Thursday before 1st Sunday

Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion

February 2, 2025

9:15 A.M.

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

Theme for the Month: Because He Loves



Leader:

Sister Vivette Swaby

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: O God, You spoke Your word

People: and revealed Your good news in Jesus, the Christ.

Leader: Fill all creation with that word again,

People: so that by proclaiming Your joyful promises to all nations

Leader: and singing of Your glorious hope to all peoples,

People: we may become one living body,

All: Your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

Choruses of Praise

- I Will Enter His Gates
- The Love of God

Gathering Hymn

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*Angel Voices
Ever Singing*

Angel voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that Thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
can we feel that Thou art near us
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

Yea, we know Thy love rejoices
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise combine;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure didst design.

Here, great God, today we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest melody.

Honor, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that Thou hast given
earth and heaven render Thee.

Francis Pott, 1861

Prayer Chorus

Open Our Eyes, Lord

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 71:1-6
(NRSV)

Leader: In You, O LORD, I take refuge; let
me never be put to shame.

**People: In Your righteousness deliver
me and rescue me; incline Your ear to
me and save me.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong
fortress to save me, for You are my rock and
my fortress.

**People: Rescue me, O my God, from
the hand of the wicked, from the
grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: For You, O Lord, are my hope, my
trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**All: From my birth I have leaned
upon You, my protector since my
mother's womb. My praise is
continually of You.**

The Kingston Keswick planners recently used as their theme, "Truth in the midst of turmoil", for their week-long annual believers' meetings. There was great preaching reaffirming the need to maintain truth in the midst of turmoil/crisis. Lausanne is running a series of presentations under the theme, "Standing Firm - the Church in Times of Crisis". Again, keeping the truth in the centre is both timely and laudable. But for truth to make sense and have the impact desired on the lives of people, it must have a voice and a vehicle. I want to suggest love as both the voice and vehicle of truth, in and to, a troubled world.

God's Love – Vehicle and Voice of Truth

That is how God proclaimed and practiced His love among humanity. He came Himself in Jesus Christ, who was both the voice and the vehicle of love. Consider the people Jesus met in His ministry on earth who were in crisis, He gave them a voice. The disciples learned love up close, a ringside view, and it was said of them, that they turned the world upside down, or right side up if you please.

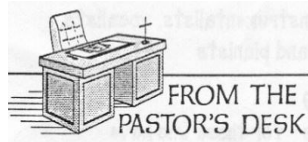
Today, how is God's love evident in the world? How is love, the vehicle and voice of truth displayed in the immigration policies of the so-called great democracy of the world? Hitler crushed the Jews to create a superior race. Do the immigration policies of the US look like that today? Truth/fact needs the voice and vehicle of love to make it work. Who is being sacrificed for what in our country through Labour Laws in some industries? Who is being sacrificed when there is a massive fish kill in the Rio Cobre to protect who? Who is being sacrificed in this country and others in the region, when remittances on which we depend, begin to dry up because of US policies?

Love is not just a second-hand emotion, it is because God so loved, that He gave.

As you reflect on your journey, how have you experienced the love of God, and how is this evident in your life? How is it being prioritized and practiced in your life? What are you giving because of God's love for you?

Dear friend, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7-8, NIV).

Your Pastor



What's Love Got to Do With It?

What's love but a second-hand emotion?

What's love got to do, got to do with it?

Who needs a heart when a heart can be broken?

Which demonstrates a greater expression of love: giving a high school student a million dollars to spend as she wishes, or arranging for her to undergo ten weeks of behaviour change intervention with a Christian counselor? This intervention would cover topics like discipline, respect, communication, fear, love, patience, anger, etc? Similarly, would you be showing greater love to your aging parents by placing them in a very expensive nursing home, but seldom visiting, only leaving all your contact information with the institution's staff?

Do not be too quick to dismiss these illustrations. They do speak of real situations and are a commentary on our society's crisis of love. Where love is not prioritized and not proclaimed and practiced, it creates a crisis in relationships and limits one's ability to manage other crises.

About four decades ago when the song by Tina Turner was released, **What's Love Got to Do With It?** She made the point that love is a second-hand emotion; and who needs a heart when a heart can be broken? That was her reality and still the reality of millions, that love is a second-hand emotion. However, the love we are talking about here is the love of Christ, which does not leave the individual heartbroken but mends a broken heart in a world of crisis.

Love in Crisis

Even when love is tough, it must be evident in a world marred by crises, such as:

- War
- Economic challenges
- Unregulated technological explorations
- Communication difficulties
- Identity gender issues
- Political engagements
- Religious conflicts and uncertainty
- Climate changes

We dare not face these crises without love, and it is not the one Turner sang about. It's more than a second-hand emotion.

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 – **FEBRUARY**

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory song: I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Readings

**N.T.—1 Cor. 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30**

Hymn of Meditation

**# 514
BHB**

Lord Speak to Me

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
In living echoes of your tone;
As you have so't, so let me seek
Your erring children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
Oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things that you impart,
And wing my words, that I may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, grant my spirit to renew,
That I may speak with soothing pow'r
A word in season, as from you,
To weary ones in needful hour.

Oh, fill me with your fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me
Just as you will, and when, and where,
Until your blessed face I see,
Your rest, your joy, your glory share.
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-79

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 of Response

**# 514
BHB**

***Gracious Spirit,
Holy Ghost***

*(Tune: "CAPETOWN",
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjHkClZ8FV0>)*

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight;
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heaven will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is love.

From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
holy, heavenly love.

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
 Slain for us – and we remember
 The promise made that all who come
 in faith
 Find forgiveness at the cross.
 So we share in this bread of life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of peace
 Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 Torn for you – eat and remember
 The wounds that heal, the death that brings
 us life
 Paid the price to make us one.
 So we share in this bread of life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of love
 Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
 Shed for you – drink and remember
 He drained death's cup that all may enter in
 To receive the life of God.
 So we share in this bread of life,
 And we drink of His sacrifice
 As a sign of our bonds of grace
 Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
 To respond, – and to remember
 Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
 As His body here on earth.
 As we share in His suffering
 We proclaim Christ will come again!
 And we'll join in the feast of heaven
 Around the table of the King

Stuart Townend, Keith & Kristyn Getty (2007)

Hymn

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He Gave His Life in Selfless Love

*(Tune DCM- O Little Town
 of Bethlehem or It Came
 Upon a Midnight Clear)*

He gave his life in selfless love,
 for sinners once he came;
 he had no stain of sin himself
 but bore our guilt and shame:
 he took the cup of pain and death,
 his blood was freely shed;
 we see his body on the cross,
 we share the living bread.

He did not come to call the good
 but sinners to repent;
 it was the lame, the deaf, the blind
 for whom his life was spent:
 to heal the sick, to find the lost-
 it was for such he came,
 and round his table all may come
 to praise his holy name.

They heard him call his Father's name-
 then 'Finished!' was his cry;
 like them we have forsaken him
 and left him there to die:
 the sins that crucified him then
 are sins his blood has cured;
 the love that bound him to the cross
 our freedom has ensured.

His body broken once for us
 is glorious now above;
 the cup of blessing we receive,
 a sharing of his love:
 as in his presence we partake,
 his dying we proclaim,
 until the hour of majesty
 when Jesus comes again.

Christopher Porteous, b. 1935

☪ Holy Communion ☪



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

Covenant Sharing

☪ Closing Prayer ☪

☪ BENEDICTION ☪

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.



FEBRUARY 2025

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 – Sis. Palmaya Chin
- 02 – Mr. Denali Dowdie
- 03 – Bro. Jonathan Arava
- 04 – Sis. Roxanne Hussey
- 07 – Bro. Ken Allison
- 08 – Bro. Eron McLean
- 09 – Mrs. Tameca Levermore
- 10 – Sis. Patricia Morgan
- 13 – Sis. Grace McLean
- 14 – Sis. Jodi-Ann Carpen
- 16 – Sis. Ruby Dyer
- 21 – Sis. Brehanna Campbell
- 22 – Sis. Brianna Blackellar
- 25 – Sis. Gail Senior

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th – Mr. & Mrs. James & Mildred
 Cassie