

WESTBOURNE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

It is good to welcome you to our service today.

We are currently meeting at the Stowe Centre while our church building is being rebuilt to provide accessible, modern facilities.

Details of activities during the week can be found in our Connecting Weekly Newsheet, and also on our website wpbc.co.

There is information in this pack about the church.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We would like to get to know you, whether you are visiting us just for today, or whether you are looking for a church family to join.

Please let us have your contact details, and we will be in touch. Please write clearly.

Your name: _____

Your email address: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your postal address: _____

Please indicate if you are interested in any of the following:

I am interesting in finding out about being a Christian

I am interested in believers baptism

I am interested in having my child dedicated

I am interested in knowing more about church membership

I would like to join a Fellowship Group

Please hand this to a member of the Welcome Team. Thank you.

WHAT WE BELIEVE



Love God • Love People

We believe in God, the Holy Trinity:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We believe in Jesus Christ, fully man and fully God

We believe in the authority of the Bible in all matters of faith and conduct



We believe that all people are separated from God by their sin

We believe in the Kingdom of God

brought into the earth by Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus' death on the cross to pay the price for my sins

We believe in salvation by God's grace alone as a free gift received by faith in Jesus Christ



We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives in all believers to help us live the Christian life

We believe all Christians are part of Christ's body the Church as his representatives on the earth

We believe in Christ's return to bring in the Kingdom of God in its fullness

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

There are a number of activities that run during the week in the church. You are welcome to come along to these.

PRAYER

Prayer is crucial to the life of our church. The Intercessors meet on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6.00am for 1 hour in the church office.

On Friday evenings the Prayer team meet at 7.00pm in the church office, and also at 10.15am on Sunday mornings at the Stowe Centre.

There is a monthly Prayer evening on the first Friday of each month. This is from 7.00pm until 10.00pm. The venue for this meeting is the Church Office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry meets on the third Saturday of each month, from 10.30am until 12.30pm. This group meets at the Church Office. The focus of the meeting is to empower and support women in their lives.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry run activities over the course of the year, providing opportunities for men to get together and support each other.

WOMEN'S NETBALL

Every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm, a group of women meet at Westminster Academy Sports Centre for a game of netball. You are welcome to join them.

DISCIPLESHIP

Over the course of the year there are discipleship classes running on baptism, church membership, spiritual MOT's, and from time to time, an extended course for Growing Leaders. Daniela Francisquini can provide more information on these activities.

WORSHIP

Our worship team lead us each Sunday during our services. For more information about this speak to Felicia Asiedu or David Singh who will be happy to discuss getting involved.

PASTORAL CARE

We offer support to people in the church through our Fellowship Groups, and also through support from the Leadership Team. If you would like to discuss a pastoral situation, please contact Pastor Jem Sewell or one of the Core Leaders.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

As a church we are involved in mission in the local community. Hanna Sintim is a Community Pastor working with Urban Expression. We have been involved in the Notting Hill Carnival. We run Alpha courses from time to time.

PARISH NURSING

Parish Nurses offer whole person healthcare through the local church. Elizabeth Welch is a Parish Nurse, and can be contacted if you wish to talk through a health need. She runs The Daniel Plan group, CAP Money Course with Tara Ojo, First Aid training courses over the course of the year, and a bereavement course when required.

SCHOOLS WEEK

At Christmas and Easter we run sessions for local primary schools. Easter Cracked and Christmas Unwrapped give children the real meaning of the celebrations.

CHURCH SOCIAL EVENTS

We try to organise times for the church family to spend time together. There is tea and coffee served after all our services. We have church lunches about once a month on a Sunday, and always have Christmas Dinner together.

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INFORMATION ON THE CHURCH AND LEADERSHIP

We are a group of Christians who gather from across London united in our love for God and our desire to show God's love to people around us. We are a culturally diverse church community. We are currently meeting for our worship services at The Stowe Centre, while our church building is being rebuilt to provide accessible premises for the future. We expect to move into our new building in mid 2018.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jem Sewell Senior Pastor	Elizabeth Welch Assistant Pastor & Parish Nurse
Catherine Alexander Core Leader & Women's Ministry Coordinator	Felix Kuforiji Core Leader
Geoff Biggs Core Leader & Director of Westbourne Park Family Centre	Hanna Sintim Community Pastor working with Urban Expression
Felicia Asiedu & David Singh Worship Coordinators	Jones Asiedu Prayer Coordinator
John Bourton Finance Coordinator	Patricia Chering Bookkeeper
Daniela Francisquini Discipleship Coordinator	Mark Courtney Men's Ministry Coordinator
Ken Asiedu Children's Ministry Coordinator	Nicole Charles Outreach Events Coordinator

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INFORMATION ON CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Being part of a Church is a natural thing for Christians. As believers we are God's children and He is our Father. Therefore we belong to God's family. As a Christian you will want to meet with your Father and His family.

Church Membership is for people who have a personal relationship with Christ and are following Him as Lord of their life, not dependent on our efforts but is God's free gift of salvation. If you would like to know more about being a Christian, please speak with one of the leaders.

THE COMMITMENT OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a member at Westbourne Park Baptist Church expresses your commitment to this local church body and your desire to be a partner in the ministry and mission of the church. Membership involves Regular attendance at worship services | Being an active part of a Fellowship Group | Sharing responsibility for the affairs of the church by attending the Members Meeting | Prayer for the life of the church | Living your life as God directs | Regular, sacrificial giving of your gifts, time and money to the church | Seeking to bring others to know Jesus as their Saviour.

BELIEVERS BAPTISM

Westbourne Park Baptist Church has an open membership, which welcomes people who know Christ personally into membership. However we encourage everyone to consider the Bible's teaching on Baptism as a Believer. If you would like to discuss this further, please speak to Jem Sewell.

BECOMING A CHURCH MEMBER

If you would like to be part of the work of Westbourne Park and share in our ministry and mission, please speak to Daniela Francisquini, Jem Sewell or Elizabeth Welch.

You will be invited to attend a Membership Class, and then will be visited by two members of the church for an informal discussion on your Christian journey, your call to be part of WPBC, how you feel called to serve at WPBC and how the church family here can support you. The people who have visited with you will report back to the next Church Members Meeting, so that current members of the church can recognise and affirm your personal faith and your call to join the Church Family.

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INFORMATION ON WESTBOURNE PARK FAMILY CENTRE

Westbourne Park Family Centre is a charity set up by the church that runs activities for the local community. While the new building is under construction the Family Centre are meeting in a variety of local places.

The Family Centre is led by Geoff Biggs, who is the Director and Youth & Children's Worker.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME AND VENUES

Early Years Stay and Play | St Paul's URC Church, Newton Road, W2 5LS | Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 12md term time

Young Leaders Project | St Stephen's Primary School, 91 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH | Fridays 5.30pm term time | for ages 11 to 18

Club Xpress Children's Club | St Stephen's Primary School, 91 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH | Fridays 5.30pm term time | for school years 2-6

Messy Church | St Paul's URC Church, Newton Road, W2 5LS | on 2nd Monday of each month | 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Club Xpress Holiday Club | St Stephen's Primary School, 91 Westbourne Park Road, W2 5QH | Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays every half term | for ages 5 to 11

JOINT CHURCH AND FAMILY CENTRE EVENTS

Women's Netball | Westminster Academy Sports Centre, Torquay Street, W2 5EZ | Tuesdays 7.00pm | Led by Hil Sewell

Community Football | Westminster Academy Sports Centre, Torquay Street, W2 5EZ | Wednesdays 7.00pm | Led by Manoj Pujari

Full details on westbourneparkfamilycentre.org.uk

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INFORMATION ON GIVING

Giving is not just about money. God blesses us in many different ways through the gifts, abilities and time he has given us. Every person in the church is unique and brings their own blend of skills and gifts. Church members commit themselves to sharing in the work of the church. If you would like to get involved, please speak with one of the leaders.

INFORMATION ON TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Another way God blesses us is through providing for our daily needs. The Bible teaches us that we are to give back to God a portion of what he has given to us. This can be called a tithe or an offering. How much you give is between you and God. The bible does give a guideline of giving one tenth of our income to God (see Numbers 18:21-32 and Malachi 3:8-10.) However, you need to decide this for yourself.

If you would like to commit yourself to giving to the church then you can do so in one of the following ways:

- Through a standing order from your bank account. This is easily set up through online banking. The church account details can be obtained from one of the leaders.
- Through the weekly offerings by cash gifts or cheques.

GIFT AID

If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you tithe. This makes a significant difference to the church at no cost to yourself. Your tithes and offerings need to be identified, so either give through standing order, by cheque, through the weekly envelope scheme or occasional gift aid envelopes. Please speak with Elizabeth Welch for more details.

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INFORMATION ON SAFEGUARDING

Westbourne Park Baptist Church is committed to the nurture, protection and safekeeping of everyone, especially children, young people and adults who are vulnerable.

We have a Safeguarding Policy to ensure good practice guidelines are applied to all our groups. We run training every year for our staff and volunteers.

Geoff Biggs and Elizabeth Welch are the Responsible Persons for Safeguarding in the Church and Family Centre, overseen by our Senior Pastor, Jem Sewell. Please speak to one of them if you have concerns about the safety of anyone in our church family or in the community.

VOLUNTEERING

If you would like to volunteer to work with children, young people or vulnerable adults in the church you will need to complete

- An application form
- A self-disclosure form
- Give us contact information for 2 referees
- Complete an online DBS application which will be verified by Elizabeth Welch or Jem Sewell.

SAFEGUARDING IN PRACTICE ON SUNDAYS AT THE STOWE

If you are a parent you are responsible for your child's safety during church services, unless you hand this care over to a group leader. Please remember that this is a public building, open to everyone. Ensure you know where your child is at all times, including accompanying them to the toilets. Children's groups are run for part of our services. Children under the age of 11 with leave the hall with their group leaders. At the end of the service the children in Sunday School will be returned to the main hall by the teachers. Parents need to collect younger children from the crèche.

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INFORMATION ON FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Fellowship Groups are small groups of people who meet together, usually weekly, in a home or local venue. It is an informal time of worshipping together, sharing God's word, and applying it to our lives. We pray for each other and for the things and people that are important to us. We also try to focus outward, praying for the community and world situations.

We aim to keep Jesus central to the Fellowship Group and everything that happens focuses back on him.

We provide pastoral care through our Fellowship Groups, because we can really get to know each other and can care practically and in prayer throughout the week.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP DAYS AND TIMES

Mondays at 7.30pm	Wembley Fellowship Group	Led by Shirley Donaldson
Mondays at 8.00pm	Windsor Gardens Fellowship Group	Led by Elizabeth Welch
Wednesdays at 1.00pm	Daytime Fellowship Group	Led by Cynthia James
Wednesdays at 7.30pm	Ladbroke Grove Fellowship Group	Led by Jones Asiedu
Wednesdays at 7.30pm	Church Fellowship Group	Led by Kant Pan
Wednesdays at 8.30pm	Men's Fellowship Group	Led by Felix Kuforiji and Geoff Biggs
Thursdays at 7.30pm	Manse Fellowship Group	Led by Jem & Hil Sewell
Thursdays at 7.30pm	Thursday evening Fellowship Group	Led by Hanna Sintim

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to join a Fellowship Group, speak to Jem Sewell or Elizabeth Welch. Or ask a member of the Welcome Team to introduce you to a Fellowship Group Leader.