



NTCG
Northampton

College Street, Northampton, NN1 2QP

Senior Pastor: Bishop Donovan Allen

1 August 2021

Watch God Provide Counsel



Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6

Speaker: Bishop Donovan Allen

Saturday Morning "Prayer Watch" - 7.00 am to 8.00 am

Church & Pastor's Marie Aransevia, Martin Cole, Ronald Hundah, Wilbur Jeffers
Council Members: & Vivienne Welsh, Paulette Wright (CPC Secretary/Treasurer)
Local Ministers: Rev Phyllis Brown, Rev Dennis Hines, Bishop Rudolph Parkinson,
Rev Virginia Thomas, Rev Phyllis Thompson

Tel. 01604 630 007

Tribute to Bishop & Sis Allen for their Anniversary



We acknowledge and congratulate all married couples at College Street at this time, especially our Senior Pastor and wife who will celebrate their 24th Wedding Anniversary on August 30th.

The Christian marriage is a bold witness about the grace of God in our world, particularly given the current statistics of successful marriages in England and Wales. According to recent *divorce statistics*, 42% of marriages in *England* and Wales end in divorce. Like all relationships, marriage has its ups and downs, highs and lows, serious challenges and privileged opportunities for personal growth and fulfilment.

Many if not all Christian couples embrace 1 Corinthians 13 v 4-8 & 13 (ESV) as their daily reference and guide:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.... So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.'

We believe that these verses reflect godly ordained qualities for healthy relationships such as marriages. However, the reality can be different for some couples. During 'lockdown' for example, many couples including Christian couples, experienced tension and stress beyond their expectations and coping strategies. Divorce applications and break-ups are reported to have skyrocketed across the UK and around the world. Leading British law firm, Stewarts logged a 122% increase in enquiries between July and October, compared with the same period last year. Charity Citizen's Advice reported a significant increase in searches for online advice on ending a relationship. (<https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20201203-why-the-pandemic-is-causing-spikes-in-break-ups-and-divorces>)

Bearing in mind the realities of married couples in our congregation as well as others in the wider community, let us be in earnest prayer for them during the month of August.

For members of our church who are married, we encourage you to be in active prayer for your own marriage and seek to be an encouragement to others as you are led by the Lord.

May we as a church be a beacon of hope to those who are struggling in their marriage in as much as we celebrate with those who remain in blissful harmony and great expectations for the years ahead.

***The Local Ministers and the Church and
Pastors' Council***

Join us for Communion Service
Sunday 1st August 2021



Led by Bishop Donovan Allen

This is my Testimony

Shamoya Blake



I became a Christian at 12 years old. It was very exciting but also a nerve racking day for me because I didn't know what was going to become of my walk with Christ but I was prepared to give it a go. To me, being a Christian means having a loving and honest relationship with God and the feeling that I can trust him in all the areas of my life and I can talk to him at any point of the day whenever I need to do so because he is always present.

I have been going to College Street NTCG Church since I was a baby, however I left when I was around 6 years old when my family moved out of the area. I returned to the Church in 2015 and the following year I gave my life to Christ.

Some of the older members of the Church really look out for me, they make sure that I am good mentally and that things to do with school and career aspects are going well. I am glad about this because I think these are important life issues and very important for Christians. Their concerns and encouragement motivate me to strengthen my relationship with God and apply my belief and faith in God to every aspect of my life so that I do not become distant from him as I get older.

I like the fact that College Street Church shows an interest in the younger members of the Church and try to involve us in activities so that we can show our devotion to Christ. I hope this continues. However, think that this support could be improved. Those who lead us could check up on us more often so that we do not feel that we are being ignored or not taken care of properly. They could do a bit more to help us to understand and accept Christian values, grow in our faith and not lose the excitement and joy of being a Christian.

One example of applying Christian values to life for me is when it comes to participating in certain activities at social events. For instance, as a Christian I will not engage in smoking as that is not good for me and I know that is not of God so I will stay away from things like that. I believe that God cares about my health and expects me to care about my health and the health of others so I try to practice healthy habits.

One of my favourite scriptures is 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. In the Message version of the Bible, it reads:

'So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.'

These verses help to motivate me to push through any struggles and problems I face and remind me that with Christ as my saviour and guide, better days will come.

Covid-19 is a case in point. It is still rampant. I just want to encourage the church to stay strong and have faith in God that this will be resolved soon and we will be able to move forward in our personal life as well as our Church life. I pray that all members of our Church will stay healthy and safe.

If you have a story/testimony to share, please let Rev Phyllis Thompson know by emailing her on: phyllis.thompson@ntcg.org.uk

Sister Sister
WDM Northampton

Thursday 5th & 19th August 2021

with Sis Paulette Peters

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm via Zoom

For log in details contact

wdm@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk



Lifebuilders Hour

Thursday 12th & 26th August 2021

with Bro Wilbur Jeffers

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm via Zoom

For log in details please contact

secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk

or 07510 255128 after 4.00pm

the Storehouse

Its time to replenish our Storehouse as we continue to support those in need in our community.

We would appreciate donations of non-perishable food items.

You can also make a monetary contribution to purchase food items by donating online using the details :

NTCG Northampton

Account: 83826793

Sort Code: 60-15-55

Ref: Storehouse



Elise Welds will organise the collection and distribution of your donations.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for this Ministry.

Join us for

BIBLE
Study



Wednesday 4th August @ 7.00 pm

Theme: Acts of the Apostles

Scripture: Acts 18

Facilitator: Alicia Hyder

Zoom Meeting Details

Meeting ID: 898 0174 9043

Passcode: 216602

Ministry Reviews 2021

To all Ministers, CPC & Ministry Leads
The following workshops have been confirmed and will be facilitated by

Rev Grace Alalade

Saturday 14 August 2021

10.00 am to 2.00 pm at College Street

Please email

secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk

or text 07510 255128

**Please confirm your
attendance asap**



**PLEASE NOTE
REVISED DATE**

Zoom details for each Workshop will be sent nearer the date



COLLEGE STREET, NORTHAMPTON

IMPORTANT CHURCH GUIDANCE

Following the announcement from Government on Monday 19 July, on the relaxing of the Covid restrictions, the CPC & Leadership have reviewed our position at College Street. Although there is no longer a legal requirement to adhere to the previous restrictions, we here at College Street, deemed it necessary to encourage our members and friends to continue wearing face covering/masks in crowded and enclosed spaces.

- ❖ As we welcome everyone to College Street, we are encouraging everyone to remain cautious and observe the following:
- ❖ We are encouraging all attendees to wear a face covering/mask when inside, due to limited ventilation in the main sanctuary.
- ❖ If you choose not to wear a face covering/mask, please continue to maintain social distance with others.
- ❖ We are encouraging all attendees to take a lateral flow test where possible before attending services as often as you can.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer stations will remain at the entrance and exit of the building, please use these as often as you can.
- ❖ Although congregational singing is now allowed, we need to be aware of raised voices and transmission of particles.
- ❖ All attendees will have their temperature checked on arrival. If you have a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above, you and your travelling companions will be asked to return home, self-isolate and seek medical attention.
- ❖ Follow the Steward's instructions as they direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Please be mindful and respectful of others by refraining from compulsive '*hugging*' without permission being given.

- ❖ It is essential that if you have Covid symptoms, however mild, or test positive for Covid, that you inform a member of the Leadership team, self-isolate for 10 days, consult your G.P. and most importantly, please do not attend church to ensure the safety of others.
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- ❖ Follow the Steward's instructions as they direct you to your seat.
- ❖ Please be mindful and respectful of others by refraining from compulsive '*hugging*' without permission being given.
- ❖ If you feel anxious, please speak to Colleen Coates of the Pastoral Care team. Be assured we will take care of you and the safety of all our members and friends.
- ❖ Any further changes will be regularly reviewed based on fluctuations on the data from Government and Public Health. We will ensure that you are informed before any formal decisions are made
- ❖ Since the start of the pandemic, we have focused on ensuring that everyone that comes into our church can worship in a safe environment and we will continue to do so by God's grace.

Thank you for working with us as we get through these uncertain times.

God Bless

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Bishop Donovan Allen

Senior Pastor, NTCG Northampton



**Would you like someone to pray with
you?**

GET IN TOUCH

01604 436394

during our live service

11:00 am -1:00 pm TODAY

Seniors Prayer Hour

every Wednesday
from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm



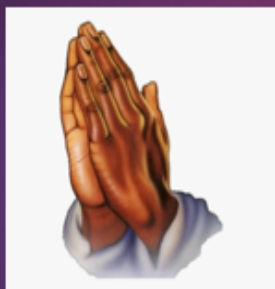
Dialling number: 0333 0112 308

Password: 48852205#

Pin: 1053#

If you need assistance with dialling into the Prayer line **Sis Annie Dzwaka** is available to help and guide you, Give her a call on **07933 149107**

PRAYER LINE



MONDAY 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm
TUESDAY 6.00 am to 7.00 am
THURSDAY 6.00 am to 7.00 am
SATURDAY 7.00 am to 8.00 am

ACCESS DETAILS

DIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER:

0333 011 2308

ROOM PASSWORD:

488 52205#

PIN NUMBER: 1053#



Condolences to . . .

*Sis Gloria Bartley
Sis Rachelle Peart
and Sis Annie Dzwaka*

*Please continue to
pray for them and
their families*



Birthday Greetings to all who are celebrating a birthday in **AUGUST and would like us to appreciate your special day**

**1st Carole Hudson
1st Ashannique Williams
14th Viv Welsh
21st Leah Hyder**

If it's your birthday this month, please let the Comms Team know

*Please contact a member of the Comms Team or email news@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk and we will include your news in the weekly notice sheet - all items to be submitted **by 5.00 pm on Wednesday***

Ways of Giving

We are ever so grateful for the generosity of those who have been supporting us financially. Please note the following details:

Bank:	NatWest
Name:	NTCG Northampton
Sort code:	60-15-55
Account:	83826793
Reference:	<i>Initial Last Name – Type</i> <i>e.g. J Bloggs - T</i>
Payment Type:	T =Tithes / O = Offering / G = Gift / B = Benevolence

Details to **donate online** can be found on our webpage
<https://ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/how-to-donate/>

Or, contact our Church Treasurer **Paulette Wright** on
07510 255128 to take your tithes and offerings using
the Card Payment System.

If you need any help please contact
secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk

Special thanks to for your continued support of Tithes,
Offerings, Benevolence and Gifts.

God bless you all
Bishop Allen & Leadership Team

NTCG College Street Mission Statement

The Mission of NTCG College Street is to Train and Develop all members to Communicate the Full Gospel of Jesus Christ (**Matthew 28:19, 20**) in the Spirit and Power of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1-4, 6, 13-18**)

Together we will fulfil the Great Commission (**Matthew 28:19-20**) by helping people to become fully functioning followers of Christ.

We aim to help every believer to discover the gifts and talents God gave them (**Ephesians 4:11-16**).



Charity No. 250306

Community Prayer Line

If you are feeling anxious, worried or concerned, our Volunteers are available to listen and pray with you. Simply talking to someone can help you to make sense of your situation.

Call us for free
01604 436 394
Tuesdays 6pm-8pm

New Testament Church of God
College Street, Northampton, NN 1 2QP
secretary@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk
www.ntcgnorthampton.org.uk

WEEKLY NOTICES

Make full use of the Notice Sheet by sending your Testimonies, words of encouragement and articles. Please submit any items by **5pm on Wednesday** for inclusion in the Notice Sheet

Email all items to news@ntcgnorthampton.org.uk

If it is a paper item such as a leaflet then please hand it to one of the Team (Sandra Heath, Viv Welsh & Paulette Wright) by the deadline.

Items received after the deadline will be included in the following issue at the discretion of the Comms Team

This means that any items given on a Sunday morning for display will not be used as it will not be consistent with the published Notices.

Are you making a donation, paying Tithes or Offering by Debit Card? <https://ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/how-to-donate/>

Notice Sheet also available at www.ntcgnorthampton.org.uk/about-us/news