



Northall Baptist Church – 200 years and still going.

A little Church with strong local links.

God has no favourites

At the time of writing we are just coming to the end of **Lent** and looking forward to **Easter**. We have held our usual **Lent** discussions on Zoom again this year. Our subject was 'God has no favourites'. This was taken from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians chapter 3 where he explains 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.'

So we all have the same worth with God through Jesus.

Currently in this world there is so much division and jealousy for one another. There is no need as we are all equal in God's eyes. We are here in this world for a short period of time and then what? Do you think there is anything after that? If you believe the Bible you will know that through believing on Jesus there is an eternal life. So death is not the end and there is a huge prospect to look forward to.

We have a lot to be thankful for, it gives us peace and it helps to have a positive outlook as we struggle with daily concerns.

We can have confidence that those who have power over us are in no better position than us. Any power should not be abused. Power is a responsibility.

We discussed how we can improve things and we concluded that each has a responsibility to care for one another – Jesus tells us to 'love one another as I have loved you' (John 13 v34). We all can do little things using our powers however small. So that might be not buying cheap clothing that we don't know if it has been ethically produced. We might try to mend things rather than throw them away. We all want a better life for our children and they are learning at school how not to waste the earth's resources. Perhaps we need to learn from them?

Two years of the pandemic has taught us that we need to do things differently. So we can do some of our meetings business or otherwise on Zoom or Teams. This saves the fuel and the travel time. Perhaps you can think of other things that would help us in little ways.

Many of us have been sending money and goods to those in Ukraine recently - caring for our brothers and sisters there during this difficult time. What can you do to make things better for others?

If you would like to know more about God and the new life you have in him, why not join us on Sundays at 11 am. You will get a warm welcome. Refreshments served afterwards. For those unable to attend in person we also stream our services.

For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, Rebels in Green Pastures can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>

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