

## 牧者心声

## 鍾木愛傳道



神是有恩典、有憐憫，並且是大有能力的獨一真神。堂慶前一夜，下著滂沱大雨，國語小組聚會中，逼切為天氣禱告，心中想，怎辦？午步在教會對面的公園進行，若下大雨，或草地泥濘，都不方便。但禱告交託後，便安然入睡。一覺醒來，看見燦爛的陽光，真的有說不出的感恩。神是信實的，祂總不撇下我們，也不丟棄我們。十五年來，神都一直眷顧祂的兒女，加給我們所需要的，超過我們所想所求的。

祈禱是承認神的權能，承認自己的不能，相信祂，倚靠祂，知道神會為我們安排。舊約中，哈拿的禱告是真心及至誠的，得到了祭司的祝福後，她就信靠、交託神，因此她就---面上再不帶愁容了(撒下 1:18 b)。她不但信靠神，也是懂得感恩的人，把兒子撒母耳奉獻，事奉神。這是給我們作了一個好榜樣，信靠神、不要憂慮，主耶穌亦教導我們

- 太 6:33 你們要先求他的國、和他的義這些東西都要加給你們了。太 6:34 所以不要為明天憂慮。因為明天自有明天的憂慮。一天的難處一天當就穀了。

主耶穌要我們把神的主權及祂的旨意放在首位，我們其他的需要，神會供應給我們。除了把神放在我們生命中首位之外，我們還應該盡心事奉祂。偉大的領袖摩西，很愛他的同胞，在最後的訓詞中，勉勵以色列人，要神的子民盡心愛神。

申 6:5 你要盡心、盡性、盡力、愛耶和華你的神。

約書亞，繼承摩西作以色列人的領袖，在他年老最後的訓詞中，重申自己對神的事奉忠心，也鼓勵人民事奉神。

書 24:15 若是你們以事奉耶和華為不好、今日就可以選擇所要事奉的、是你們列祖在大河那邊所事奉的神呢、是你們所住這地的亞摩利人的神呢。至於我、和我家、我們必定事奉耶和華。

撒母耳作以色列人的領袖，士師、祭司、先知，他順服神，順應百姓的要求，選立一位王，治理他們好像列國一樣，但他會繼續為他們禱告，也盼望他們盡心事奉神。

撒下 12:23 至於我、斷不停止為你們禱告、以致得罪耶和華。我必以善道正路指教你們。

- 撒下 12:24 只要你們敬畏耶和華、誠誠實實的盡心事奉他、想念他向你們所行的事何等大。

弟兄姊妹啊！神愛我們，揀選了我們作祂的兒女，賜恩賜福給我們，叫我們不但信靠祂，盡心愛祂，也要盡心的事奉祂，透過我們把祝福帶給別人，這是多榮耀的生命，多丰盛的生命，弟兄姊妹啊！我們要好好活在今天，盼望等候主再來。

## Message from Pastor Tony Prestoe

### **On your anniversary**



Dear brothers and sisters we join with you in giving thanks to our great and most gracious God for the many years He has blessed you in your worship and witness here at Islington Baptist Church.

You are a source of encouragement and inspiration to the rest of the church

and we pray that God will continue to work in your lives as individual Christians and as a congregation of Jesus' faithful people.

May this be your prayer also.

Please be assured of the love and prayers of your other fellow Christians at IBC.

*Pastor Tony Prestoe*

## Message from Eric and Valma Nicolle

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

CONGRATULATIONS on celebrating 15 years of service for our Lord Jesus Christ! There is a saying "From a little acorn seed a big tree grows". From the inception of the Chinese Church with just a few Mandarin and Cantonese speaking Uni students, capably and dedicatedly led by Amos and Paula Leung those 15 years



ago, how wonderfully our Lord has grown His Church in our midst. We join with you in praising and blessing our gracious and bountiful God for what He has done, is doing and will continue to do in drawing Chinese speaking people, particularly young University students, to Himself. We have been greatly blessed for the opportunity of getting to know so many of the students who attended the Chinese Church, and thank almighty God for the way that He has used so many of them in full time service.

It is our prayer that as you look to Him for guidance and strength for the years that lie ahead, we will see many more Chinese folk, both young and old, come to personally know our Saviour and be added to His Church. May God abundantly bless you all.

Val and Eric.

# Pastor Albert and Enid Holowell

ISLINGTON BAPTIST CHINESE FELLOWSHIP – 15.3.2009.

Good Morning everyone!  
It's a very great pleasure for me  
to be with you today.

Congratulations on this, the  
15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chinese  
Fellowship.



You know - my wife, Enid, and I have been at Islington Baptist for 14 years, and we have been so thrilled to have been associated with your Fellowship during all those years, and we thank God for the wonderful ministry you have had and the great blessing you have been to so many.

As I bring you the Greetings and Best Wishes of all at Islington, I bring you a message of ENCOURAGEMENT.

In 1 Samuel, chapter 30, we find DAVID in a very distressing situation. Enemies had attacked Judah, and David's loved ones had been captured and taken away. In verse 6 we discover what David did.

The Authorised Version says, "David ENCOURAGED himself in the LORD his God." The N.I.V. translates this verse as, "David found STRENGTH in the LORD his God."

As David turned to the LORD he was ENCOURAGED, and he was given the STRENGTH to go out and defeat his enemies, and rescue those who had been taken captive.

As you thank God today for the past 15 years of ministry YOU will also find ENCOURAGEMENT, and the STRENGTH to go forward into further years of ministry, "IN THE LORD."

The Apostle Paul found everything he needed "IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST." He wrote to the Philippians, "I can do everything through HIM who gives me strength."

The writer of Hebrews assures us, “God has said, ‘Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you.’ ”

And he continues, “So we say with confidence, ‘The LORD is my helper.’ ”

How encouraged we should be when we remember that our Saviour, the all-powerful, living, Lord Jesus Christ, is with us – keeping us – leading us – helping us every day INDIVIDUALLY – and He will take our Fellowship on into the future – guiding and blessing us TOGETHER.

May we go forward trusting HIM and encouraging ourselves IN HIM.  
The “LORD” richly bless you all.

## Max Simpson

To the Chinese Church at Islington

I want to take this opportunity to thank God for His faithfulness to all those who have been part of the Chinese Ministry at Islington over these past 15 years, and who continue to labour in the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Many of the fruits of your labours will not be known until we get to Heaven, but it is a great encouragement to us all to see how God has raised up pastors, teachers, christian leaders and godly men and women who serve Him in all corners of the globe.

May we continue to serve our Lord faithfully as the apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13-15,

"But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. All of us who are mature should take such a view of things."

Your friend in Christ,  
Max Simpson



## From Pastor Ron Gibbins



As you celebrate your 15th anniversary, it is a pleasure to state how much an encouragement the Chinese fellowship has been to me and other church members. As I think back on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I am amazed at all of your creativity and careful planning. The point which encourages me the most is the way that you reach out to people who need to hear about Jesus and to experience his saving power. I trust that you will all continue to experience the joy of the Lord and To share that joy with other people. The Lord bless you

## PAULAMOS

感謝父神，一直祝福我們，讓可以在教會事奉祂。

天父賜福給我們，女兒，女婿及孫（兩個女孫，兩個男孫）

天父的手，那雙看不見的手，一直在帶領紐卡素的華人福音工作，給我們一位忠心事奉祂的好牧者鍾木愛姊妹，給我們可以有很多

熱心的弟兄姊妹一起同心興旺福音，祂又叫很多來自不同地區的牧師，長執，兄姊關心我們，幫助我們，由於在此地事奉的緣故，特別是跟那些來自世界各地的留學生，在主裡建立了一份情誼，“亞叔，叔公”的稱呼著，十分親切，每當有機會重逢時，都會牽起一份親情般的喜悅，



天父，感謝你恩待我們一家，感謝你使我們的家，成為別人得到福氣的地方。

## The Unseen Hands

雖不見你，觸不到你， Though I can't see You nor touch You  
但是我知，你正在對我低語。 I know You are whispering to me  
哦！主耶穌，哦！主耶穌， O! Lord Jesus O! Lord Jesus  
我深知道你一直就在這裏。 I know You have always been here

是你的手，釘痕的手， It's Your hands—the hands with nail marks  
重新撫慰我那破碎的心田。 That console the broken heart of mine  
是你聲音，溫柔話語， It's Your voice—that gentle words  
再度填滿我心靈中的飢渴。 That refills me—the hunger within my soul