

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.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS—JUNE

- * Monday, June 2, will be observed as the Caribbean Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.
- * Deacon's Board Meeting will be held this Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m.
- * The JBU Horizon Home 60th Anniversary and Appreciation Service will take place on Sunday, June 15, starting at 10:15 a.m. at the Mamby Park Baptist Church.
- * Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025 will be held July 21 - 25 under the Theme: *Magnified: Discovering the Bigness of God in the Smallest of Things* with classes for Children, Youth, and Adults. Volunteers are needed for the roles of teachers, assistant teachers, administration, and hospitality. Please contact Sister Delrose Montague for further details.

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
Sis. Princess Halliman Robinson
Bro. Donald Miller
Bro. David Levermore
Bro. Frankie Dinnald
Bro. Ken Allison
Rev. and Mrs. Earl & Patricia Morgan



If you can call, visit or say a prayer for these brethren, it would be appreciated tremendously.

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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 **Password:** 113204

New Members' Class: 8:00 a.m. on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 881 1539 8995 **Password:** 269869

Women's Federation: 2nd Sundays after worship.

Church Council Meeting: Thursday before 1st Sunday

Midday Meditation: Tuesday @ 11:45—12:45 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 818 8924 6904 **Password:** 044267

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study: Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 882 5775 8645 **Password:** 211236

Praise Team Practice: Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.

Golden Spring Church Service: 11:00—12:30 p.m.

BBC Banking Info:

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Barbican Baptist Church

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

BARBICAN CIRCUIT
(Jamaica Baptist Union)

Sunday Morning Divine Worship Service & Holy Communion ASCENSION SUNDAY

June 1, 2025
9:15 A.M.

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

Theme for the Month: Am I My Brother's Keeper?



Leader:

Deacon Jennifer Griffith

Speaker:

Reverend Trevor Edwards

Deacon on Duty:

Deacon Tracy McFarlane

Pastor:

Reverend Trevor Edwards
*Barbican/Golden Spring
Circuit of Baptist Churches*

APPROACH TO WORSHIP



Leader: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work.

People: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Leader: Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

People: "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

Leader: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes, take the water of life as a gift.

All: Come let us worship Him who has ascended on high, and who is exalted above the heavens and live forever with his saints to reign. Amen

Choruses of Praise

- What a Might God We Serve/He Is the King of Kings
- Soon and Very Soon

Gathering Hymn # 318 BP&W

Come Let Us Sing

Sing we the King who is coming to reign,
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,
Life and salvation his empire shall bring
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

*Refrain:
Come let us sing: Praise to our King,
Jesus our King, Jesus our King;
This is our song, who to Jesus belong:
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.*

All men shall dwell in his marvellous light,
Races long severed his love shall unite,
Justice and truth from his sceptre shall spring,
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King.

All shall be well in his Kingdom of peace,
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,

Foe shall be friend when his triumph we sing,
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King.

Souls shall be saved from the burden of sin,
Doubt shall not darken his witness within,
Hell hath no terrors, and death hath no sting;
Love is victorious when Jesus is King.

Kingdom of Christ, for thy coming we pray,
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day
When this new song thy creation shall sing,
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Charles Silvester Horne, 1865-1914

Prayer Chorus

Be Still and Know

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 97 (NRSV)

Leader: The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Leader: Fire goes before Him and consumes His adversaries on every side.

People: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all the peoples behold His glory.

Poverty is a key reality that, when coupled with poor parenting, limited education and opportunities, and poor values, can create these behaviours.

Am I suggesting that poverty featured in Deane's death as well? Yes, I am. In this country, a man with a spliff, with money and influence, would not be arrested and put in jail with other prisoners to beat him up. It is also true that policemen with class, conscience, proper training, and respect for themselves and others would not treat a fellow human being like that. But could it be that, like Kelsey's killer, they were of the view that they would get away with this? Of the three police officers, not one was able to say, "enough!"

Poverty manifested in another way, whether material or poverty of sheer human values.

This takes me to another question.

Is This Right? Is This Just?

There can be no justification for treating another human being as less than human. "We are our brother's keeper". None of this was evident in these cases, that we must love one another as we love ourselves. It was not right for the police officers to treat Mario in this way. They got caught, but we cannot say that this behaviour is not perpetrated in our society. Murders in Jamaica have dropped, but there is a sharp rise in police killings. INDECOM reports a 152% increase in police killings over last year (Guardian, May 2025). We still have an issue to address.

Ellis has been killed, but his kind and those who behaved like him have not been silenced. Ellis did not turn himself over to the police when he was identified as a person of interest, but when confronted by the police, he resisted or attacked them and was shot, according to their report.

Spiritual Issues

What Does Jesus Require of Us?

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing" (Edmund Burke)

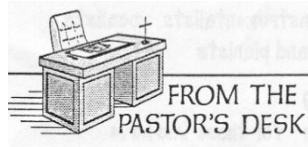
Every person is created in the image of God and should be allowed to fulfill their divine potential. As believers, this is not just an outside story. It becomes our story if we do not play our part in helping to lead others to know Jesus as saviour and Lord. We must continue to look for the opportunities around us – in church and the wider community – to influence positively the lives of those with whom we interact, so that they do not become an Ellis, Stewart, Clevon, or Grant, because if they do, our children are not safe. Neither are we.

And just in case we begin to point fingers, what about you? Is your anger in check? John stated that whoever hates his brother is a murderer (1 John 3:15). You might say you don't hate, but are you doing enough to show that you love and care? Could the man on the Jericho Road count on you? Can Jesus count on the church to make a difference, or is it easier to ignore the deafening cries or walk the other way?

The Holy Spirit is our advocate, and He dwells in us, rooting for us, helping us, and enabling us to be advocates for others. We can't change Jamaica, but we can make a difference in the life of one person. Who will it be?

Amen.

Your Pastor



Dear Family,

***“Love is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever truth wins out”
(1 Cor. 13:6 TLB)***

There are two public issues that I want to use to illustrate an important ministry of the church, which is advocacy, that is, speaking up for and acting on behalf of others for their rights and welfare. These are the **Mario Deane’s** case and **Kelsey Ferrigan** murder.

We woke up about a week ago to the news that three members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force – District Constable Marion Grant, Corporal Elaine Stewart, and Constable Juliana Clevon – were charged with manslaughter in the death of Mario Deane, a resident of St James. Deane was brutally beaten and suffered major injuries to his brain on August 3, 2014, while in the care of these officers. He subsequently died three days after in the Cornwall Regional Hospital. Deane was arrested for having a Ganja spliff in his possession.

About a week before, we received news of the body of a nine-year-old girl found head down in a barrel at her home in Job Lane, Spanish Town. It was alleged that she was sexually assaulted and strangled to death.

It is quite possible that when we hear of these cases, we could conclude by expressing initial disgust and disappointment, but the matter stops there.

But I want you to come on a journey with me.

What Happened and Why?

Both persons died violently; Deane at the hands of law officers who seemed not to have cared while he was being beaten by inmates of unsound mind, turning a deaf ear to his pleas. It would seem, from the evidence given in the case, that he had made unfavourable comments about the police officer. Could his death have been motivated by spite and anger?

In the case of Kelsey, a grade 3 student of St. John’s Primary in Spanish Town, who heard her cries? Who saw the fear and confusion and pain in her eyes as this man held her, raped her, and squeezed the life out of her body. She may have asked before she died, “What did I do to deserve this?”

What of the Socio-economic Realities?

What of the social reality of the participants in these stories? I guess you might say, that’s not relevant, but, in fact, it is, as all the persons involved are from or likely from the lower social classes of the society. The social label is poverty. Is this likely to have happened to a middle-class 9-year-old? She certainly wouldn’t be living in Job Lane in Spanish Town. Easy location and access to a predator who is possibly a product of the same community. The killer’s mother, according to the media (Daily Gleaner), when she heard of his death, is quoted as saying, “Mi nah back no pickney that do wrongs ... Anything come after that is your business.” It is “why she com from”, I believe, which made this hard back cruel man think that he could do this and get away with it.

Leader: All servants of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before Him.

People: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O God.

Leader: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: You who love the LORD, hate evil; He guards the lives of His faithful; He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.

All: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

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 – JUNE

Tithes and Offering and Doxology

Offertory songs: I’m Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing/When the Saints Go Marching In

Sunday School Minute

Prayer with the Children and Youth

Junior Church

Prayer of Intercession & Thanksgiving

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Readings **O.T.—Joshua 7:1-12a**
N.T.—Acts 16:16-34

Hymn of Meditation

***Open My Eyes,
That I May See***

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key,
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
Ev’rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth ev’rywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my mouth, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Clara H. Scott, 1895

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

**# 518
BHB**

***O Master, Let Me
Walk with Thee,***

O Master, let me walk with Thee,
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer, company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only Thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live. Amen.

Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, altd.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

427
BHB
*Beneath the Cross
of Jesus*

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

O safe and happy shelter,
O refuge tried and sweet,
O trysting place where Heaven's love
And Heaven's justice meet!
As to the holy patriarch
That wondrous dream was given,
So seems my Savior's cross to me,
A ladder up to Heaven.

Upon that cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears
Two wonders I confess;
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain or loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

Elizabeth Clephane, 1830-69

Hymn

I Hunger and I Thirst

I Hunger and I thirst;
Jesus, my manna be;
Ye living waters, burst
Out of the rock for me.

Thou bruised and broken bread,
My life-long wants supply;
As living souls are fed,
O feed me, or I die

Thou true life-giving vine
Let me Thy sweetness prove;
Renew my life with Thine
Refresh my soul with love.

Rough paths my feet have trod,
Since first their course began;
Feed me, Thou bread of God;
Help me, Thou Son of Man.

For still the desert lies
My fainting soul before;
O living waters, rise
Within me evermore.

J.S.B. Monsell, 1811-75.

☞ 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.



JUNE 2025

BIRTHDAYS

- 02 – Sister Tanketa Chance
Wilson
- 03 – Sister Delrose Montague
- 04 – Sister Mavis Smith
- 05 – Sister Dionne O'Conner
- 06 – Miss Cai Thorpe
- 06 – Miss Charleigh Thorpe
- 10 – Sister Samantha Taylor-
Brown
- 11 – Sister Matilda Arava
- 17 – Sister Jennifer Ellington
- 17 – Mr. Larklin Christie
- 18 – Sister Ann Hooper
- 18 – Mr. Jahnoi McCallum
- 21 – Brother Owen Dobson
- 23 – Sister Paulette Groves-
Robinson
- 26 – Brother Chevane Dyer
- 27 – Sister Colleen Morrison
- Anniversaries
- 06 – Mr. & Mrs. Clement and
Jennifer Ellington
- 09 – Mr & Mrs Samuel and Kezia
Arava
- 12 – Mr & Mrs Gregory and
Michelle Hamilton