



# Women Connecting Willesden WDM Quarterly Newsletter

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## Director's Welcome

Dear Willesden women and women in our wider community,

I would like to thank you all for the support you have been giving to our department. Thank you for your continued donations to the women's ministry (WDM) and Agape Ministry in particular. It is through your giving that we are able to bless and minister to others.

We have some exciting upcoming events.

The millennial ladies will be having a ladies night get together dates still to be confirmed. Please see Syra German and Charlene Ramos for more details.

During the first weekend in October we have a virtual National Womens' Empowerment Conference followed by our introduction to self defence and fitness sessions, the first one will be on line on 9th October.

We also have our long awaited Pampering Day on 16th with crèche facilities and a variety of treatments - a welcomed treat. There will also be a variety of stall holders with items of interest for women on sale.

With so much happening we are sure to see each other and have time to share and fellowship.

The women's board continues to pray early morning on Thursdays for the needs of the brethren and community.

Please get in touch with ideas and suggestions for the women's department, we are also looking for more volunteers to work in the women's department so please get in touch via [wdm@wntcg.org](mailto:wdm@wntcg.org) - we look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, we anticipate a seniors event 'Honouring our heritage' on Saturday 4th December so please hold the date.

Blessings

**Dawn Lewinson**  
Director Willesden WDM



## Fundraising



### Our new approach

Please join us as women to help raise funds for the upcoming activities and events we would like to provide for women in the forthcoming year.

This will involve putting aside a fixed sum weekly or monthly for the Women's Department or working with one of our team leaders to support their ministry with a financial donation or sponsorship of an event. The offering envelopes can be used by indicating clearly that your donation is for Willesden's WDM.

The target is £10,000 so far we've raised £3419.

£10,000



£3419  
Raised

## RAIN Concert



It was a night where spirits were refreshed by the ministries of Joshua Kesler, King Arthur and the Willesden Gospel Choir.

Due to lockdown we had to wait a year but we thank God for this special time where we were Revitalised, Anointed, Increased and Nurtured afresh.

If you were not able to attend this year. You have a chance to experience the RAIN outpouring next Year 2022.

I'd like to thank the team for their hard work in making this concert a Success.

**Sis Caseter Wilson**

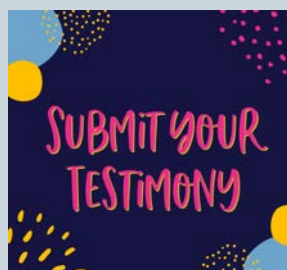


### Call for Testimonies:

Dear Ladies, we would love to hear from you - if you have a testimony you would like to share in the next newsletter, please get in touch via our email [wdm@wntcg.org](mailto:wdm@wntcg.org).

If you'd prefer to share your testimony over a call instead of sending in a written testimony, please let us know.

We look forward to hearing from you.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

1st – 3rd - WEC National Empowerment Conference

9th - Self Defence Online Induction

16th - WDM Pampering Event

### December

2nd - Christmas Hampers

4th - Honouring our Heritage Senior Event – “How I got Over”

11th - WDM Soup Kitchen

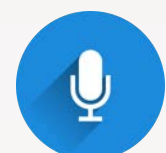
## WDM Podcast Project - New Series

'Domestic Violence during Covid' - Episode two and episode three

Visit the new WDM podcast, titled 'Domestic Violence during Covid' which has been released.

Episode Two – Spiritual Abuse and Episode Three – Emotional Abuse have also now been released and can be found at the link below - on the NTCG WDM website.

<https://ntcg.org.uk/wdm/about/wdm-lets-go-there-podcast/>





## Redevelopment of the Old Oak Common Site, Acton

This will become the largest regeneration and development site in Europe it crosses over three boroughs, Brent, Ealing and Hammersmith and Fulham:

- 25,000 new homes will be built
- 60,000 new jobs created
- the area will have a large new Crossrail station the size of Waterloo station

North London and West London Citizens are drawing up a plan of action and campaign to target the people in power to make sure the voices of the community are heard.

### **Our focus is on the following:**

- A good percentage of the new homes should be genuinely affordable
- That new jobs should benefit local people
- That the area should be a London Living wage zone

Marcia Jacks and Floyd Vassell are the Church representatives on North London Citizens and will be organising a Listening Campaign where we want to hear your views and your stories or your families around housing and jobs. We hope to organise this for October/ early November. The date will be announced in the Come Alive.

As a people we want to be engaged in our community and even though some of us may be well housed and have good jobs, let us remember those who are struggling in these areas and join the campaign to make their lives better.

**Marcia Jacks**





## Agape Ministry

I want to begin this report by giving praise to a God who never ceases to amaze me. There has not been one month in which God has not shown up and ministered to the people.

We thank God for his continued blessings and daily provision of our Ministry and send huge thanks to those who have supported in prayer, or by providing food, clothing items or financial gifts. Over the months the Ministry has been able to:

- Provide food packages for the evangelism team outreach during the summer months
- The demand for cooked meals seems to be increasing and is proving very popular
- The ministry is receiving visits from the homeless, we thank God that in we were able to give them food, a few blankets, pray with them and arrange for a street team to find accommodation

July's sponsor was **Felicia Alexis**

August's sponsor was: **Jada Eduvie**

The sponsor for September is **Joy Barran**. She is one of our volunteers that was passing the building last year December and volunteered her services. She has been here ever since and is such a valuable part of the team.

If you would like to sponsor the Ministry please contact **Felicia Alexis**.

We would also like to remind you of 'Each one to bring one' on the first Sunday of the month. Items can be left in the cloakroom.

**Felicia Alexis**

### **WEC (Women's Empowerment Conference):**

1st – 3rd October 2021

Registration is via Eventbrite at:

<https://wec-online-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Individual registration is required.

Once registration has been completed, the Conference joining instructions will be sent to the email address provided when registering.



# Interview with Sister Hermine (Dolly) Hall

This quarter we have the pleasure of interviewing Sis Hermine Hall who has been at Willesden for 22 years, I don't think there is a time I have gone to church and not seen Sis Hall, she is a faithful member. We asked her how she has coped during the pandemic.

## What changes have you seen in this time?

Because of the pandemic the numbers have decreased and many people have stopped coming.

## How have you managed in the pandemic?

I have coped fairly well throughout the pandemic and having a family to support me throughout the journey helped tremendously.

## Are there any negatives or positives from the pandemic you would like to share?

The pandemic caused a lot of separation between families we can't visit each other, plenty people don't want to travel because it's a lot to go through they make it very difficult for people and I know of a lot of people who got left behind in Jamaica they didn't board the plane because they didn't have one form filled in properly.

## What is your favourite book of the bible or your favourite scripture?

My favourite scripture is Psalm 91.

*1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust.*

## Have you got a favourite hymn, if yes what is it and why is it special to you?

'As I travel through this pilgrim land there is a friend who walk with me'

## What advice do you have for younger women who may be struggling with their faith at this time?

To hold on to Jesus who is the Author and finisher of their faith.

*Our sincere condolences go out to Sister Hall as at the time of completing this newsletter, she lost her husband. We continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.*



# Interview with Dr Charlotte Johnson

## **Congratulations Charlotte on receiving your Doctor of Ministry degree (Dmin).**

Thank you. I give God all the honour in gaining this qualification.

## **Can you tell us why you choose to do a Dmin?**

It started when I wanted to learn more about Pastoral Care because I became passionate about serving others, and wanted to gain a better understanding about Pastoral Care, so I attended a weekend course at the Leadership Training Centre at the NTCG's headquarters in Northampton. A few months later I was invited to join an inaugural cohort of NTCG students to embark on a Masters' programme at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary (PTS). Once I completed that qualification, I went on to commence the Doctor of Ministry programme which I completed in April, and I graduated in May 2021.

## **How long did it take you?**

In total it took seven years; the time went by quickly.

What is the title of your Dmin?

The title is "An exploration of bereavement experiences supported by pastoral care leadership in a Pentecostal setting in the Church of God in the United Kingdom." I focused my research on the brethren attending churches within the Willesden District.

## **Can you give some background on the topic?**

Although I am British born, my parents were Jamaican. I absolutely love my Jamaican heritage. I am intrigued by the traditions, symbolisms, and practices that the Windrush Generation brought with them. A few years ago I began to notice that there were an increasing number of our Windrush Generation brethren transitioning from life on earth to eternity, consequently bereavement and funerals became part of church life. I observed that the church community were very supportive in the initial stages of bereavement. Also, I noticed that some people, especially adult children who lost their parent(s), struggled to readjust following the death of their loved one(s). Bereavement, grief and loss are part of the human cycle and condition, yet the process can be complex. My curiosity led to wanting to better understand what was available regarding longer term support for the bereaved brethren and their families. Death, grief, and loss are found throughout the Old and New Testament books of the bible, but as COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted, bereavement is not a traditionally well

understood or 'talked about topic', even in the church. However, generally speaking, as a culture of people from the Caribbean, death is celebrated through its traditional practices, particularly by the more senior Windrush Generation.

## **What are the positive highlights of the process that you would like to share?**

I believe I have grown immensely throughout the process. The journey has been character building, especially as a child of God. My desire to serve people through serving God has grown much stronger over the years, hence I am actively working within and outside the church walls. Over the past few years my passion has translated into establishing my ministry as a Pastoral Care Practitioner. For example, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pastoral Reaching Out (PRO) Ministry was birthed to support the congregation, particularly the elderly and vulnerable members. I do not believe I would have set up the PRO Ministry in the manner and speed in which I did without the experience of studying a postgraduate qualification, so I give God thanks for the vision, stamina, and confidence to start the ministry under the leadership of the Pastors. I wrote a case-study about the PRO Ministry which was published in the Association of Christian Counsellors' journal, the Accord in the summer of 2020.

## **You must have had some stress - do you want to tell us about any and how you overcame them?**

I often declare that I don't do stress, so I work very hard at minimising stresses in my life wherever possible. Of course, there are times in your life when trouble will find you and grab your attention. This happened to me within months of starting the Masters programme. On at least three separate occasions in the first two years of study I came very close to giving up studying. However, the God I serve had other plans and so even when I doubted and thought it was impossible to continue, my God brought me through. When I reflect on my journey, there were signs that I was in a spiritual battle throughout the life of both qualifications, but look at what the Lord has done!! This is why my accomplishment is so precious, because I recognise I would not have become a Doctor of Ministry without God being on my side at every step of the way.

## **Do you have a favourite scripture or song that sustained you throughout the tough times?**

I do have a few Scriptures because there were multiple

## Interview with Dr Charlotte Johnson

challenges in terms of my secular work, family life, and trying to keep on top of the many assignments during my studies. If I have to choose a Scripture it would be Psalms 121 undergirded by Psalm 23. My song would be "Praise Is What I Do" song by William Murphy. apart from the tune, I found meditating on the words effective, for example, "I'll praise You through the good and the bad... Cause I owe it all to You." Truly powerful words that gave me the strength to lift my faith and continue one step at a time, one day at a time, one assignment at a time.

### **What are your plans now that you have completed your PhD?**

I am focussed on serving God through his people, so I am available to my church community through offering pastoral care. Plus, I am planning to continue the research in the area of bereavement starting in October. This time I will be concentrating on my church community at Willesden specifically, looking at the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the Windrush Generation and their descendants. This is likely to take three years, so I covet the prayers and support of my church family who I have a lot of love for.



# *Congratulations*

## *Let's connect*

### **WDM Ministries**

AGAPE	Women Connecting
Ladies Choir	Millennial Women
Fundraising	Women of Wisdom
Visiting Team	Women United
Martha Ministry	Women in Pursuit of Excellence
Women in the Community	Young Gifted & Blessed
Kids 4 Christ	



# WDM Opportunities

**You know you love Jesus with all of your heart, and you would like to serve him even more. You are a committed born again Christian. This is your time to reach out and to follow the call of God as you're beckoned to go deeper in him.**

An opportunity to be stretched and to fulfil your purpose.

Expressions of interest are now being taken for Willesden's Women discipleship ministries.

There are various areas in need of volunteers from Board members to frontline face to face ministry.

- Is prayer a vital part of your relationship with God?
- Do you have a heart for service/ministry?
- Can you work effectively in a team – with a wide range of people?
- Do you like to organise events?
- Are you good at co-ordinating?
- Do you have a love for people and are interested in helping those who are vulnerable and in need?
- Do you have great interpersonal skills and the ability to empathise and use emotional intelligence?
- Are you good with finances and pay attention to details?
- Do you like being in the background helping and turning your hand to what is required?

If you answered yes to these questions, we would love to hear from you.

If you believe you have a calling for women's ministry and ideas for how it could be shaped - Please connect with me **Dawn Lewinson** or **Sharon Grant** and share your ideas and views on how you could take our ministry forward.





## Past Events

WILLESDEN DISTRICT WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY PRESENTS

# RESTORATION Seminar

**SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2021**  
Invite a friend

**THEME: 1 PETER 5:10**

**Speaker**  
REV MILLICENT BROWN

**Practitioner**  
YOLANDA GREAVES

Do you need Restoration?  
\*anxious, faith tested?  
\*fear of the unknown?  
\*underlying mental struggles?  
\*bereavement?  
\*income concerns?

**SEMINAR SATURDAY 11 SEPT 10am-12-30pm ON ZOOM**  
MEETING ID 820 6246 8362  
DIAL-IN 0203 481 5240

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SIS FAY ROBINSON, SIS SHARON JOHNSON

WILLESDEN NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO

# RAIN

Live in Concert

**18TH SEPT 2021 6PM DOORS OPEN**

**KING ARTHUR JOSHUA KESLER**

SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDE THE WNTCG GOSPEL CHOIR

VENUE: WILLESDEN NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD  
179 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2SD

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CASETER WILSON | DAWN LEVINSON  
020 8459 7674 WDM@WNTCG.ORG

**TICKETS £7.50**  
rain-concert.eventbrite.co.uk  
PLEASE, SEE NOTE BELOW\*\*

**£10.00 AT THE DOOR**  
\*\*Please be aware there is an Eventbrite cancellation fee

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Willesden Women's Discipleship Ministry are hosting a

# Pampering Day

**Saturday 16 October 2021 from 1.00PM**

**FACIALS • MANICURES • PEDICURES • MASSAGES**  
\* Beauty demonstrations and stalls with health/beauty and well-being products

**TREAT YOURSELF, YOU DESERVE IT!**

- One FREE treatment for mothers/guardians of children aged 10yrs and under
- Includes FREE crèche for up to 2 hours per person
- ALL women are invited to attend and take advantage of our facilitators and book a treatment.
- Treatment costs range from £10 - £20
- A booking system is in place so contact us ASAP for your treatment times and crèche times.

For more info speak to Dawn Hazelann Marva or Sharon  
WDM@WNTCG.ORG WNTCG.ORG/WDM

WILLESDEN WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY INVITE ALL WOMEN TO

# SELF DEFENCE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE CLASSES

**SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2-3PM**

**COURSE TUTOR GRANDMASTER MANNING 9TH DAN BLACK BELT**

- ✓ YOU MUST ATTEND AN INITIAL ONLINE SESSION
- ✓ PRACTICAL SESSIONS BEGIN SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021
- ✓ COURSE COST FOR 5 SESSIONS: £50 @ £10 PER SESSION
- ✓ ATTIRE: Loose clothing, tracksuits preferable

FOR MORE INFO  
WDM@WNTCG.ORG or DAWN/SHARON

WOW invites you to our

# DEMENTIA AWARENESS CAFE

Are you confused about dementia?  
Do you want to know a bit more?

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER 1PM-2PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER HOST: LOIS VASELL**  
**GABBY HORECKA**  
DEMENTIA HELP ADVISER - BRENT  
gabby.horecka@ashfordplace.org.uk  
07904 202 517

**VENUE WILLESDEN NTCG**  
179 High Rd, Willesden  
London NW10 2SD

Tea & cake served between 12.30-1.00pm

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL WDM@WNTCG.ORG

# BIBLE

## EMERGENCY HOTLINES

Stressed .....	Matthew 11:25-30
Worried .....	Matthew 6:19-34
Lonely .....	Psalms 23
Disappointed by people .....	Psalms 27
Bitter or critical .....	1 Corinthians 13
Sinned .....	Psalms 51
Discouraged .....	Psalms 34
Losing hope .....	Psalms 139
Sick .....	Psalms 41
Sad .....	John 14
In danger .....	Psalms 91
Scared .....	Joshua 1:1-9
Lacking faith .....	Hebrews 11
Negative .....	Colossians 3:12-17
Broke .....	Psalms 37
Betrayed .....	Psalms 27
Hurt .....	John 15

GET HELP • TOLL FREE • 24 HRS

## Finish the verse



Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be \_\_\_\_\_ out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the \_\_\_\_\_ must receive until the times of \_\_\_\_\_ of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

- Acts 3:19 - 21

*Let's chat*

## RESTORATION

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REVELATION  
FAITH  
CHURCHES

RESTORATION  
SCRIPTURES  
NEW TESTAMENTS



Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

If you would like to get more involved in the Women's Discipleship Ministries please contact

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