### TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Austin
OFFERING: Annie
WORD: Pastor

#### WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

# VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18 (NASB)

# GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

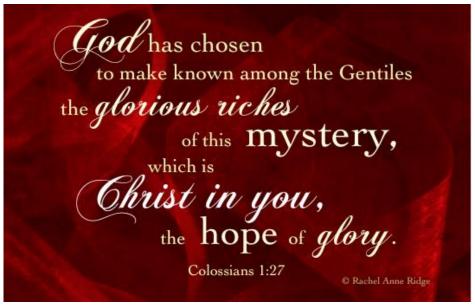
To build a church that is **growing**,

healthy and full of love, do you

have comments, ideas or suggestions? If so, please talk to the Pastor or a minister.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know you could join most of our services online when you are unable to attend? Talk to the technical team or the Pastor to find out how.





### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

# FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study From 7pm

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# Our 'must-visit' website



Our main service occurs every Sunday effective from 15 March 2020 until further notice; from 10:00 to 12:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London. We may hold other meetings during the week. Links to these will be sent out to members or posted on our website.

When it is time for service(s), please join our Webex platform as follows:

If joining online, copy and paste the meeting link below into your browser: https://rccgbethel.my.webex.com/webappng/sites/rccgbethel.my/meeting/download/7c2a14 8a6a6f4c678d2cad460a7d36f3?siteurl=rccgbethel.my&MTID=ma34d26296c523f45b7c8ce7e2 bc5324c

The link should take you directly to the meeting, but if necessary, use the following details.

Meeting number (access code): 145 480 919

Meeting password: BethelDR

#### Joining by phone

Tap to call in from a mobile device +44-20-3478-5289 United Kingdom Toll Global call-in numbers

#### Join from a video system or application

Dial 145480919@rccgbethel.my.webex.com You can also dial 62.109.219.4 and enter your meeting number.

#### Join using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business

Dial 145480919.rccgbethel.my@lync.webex.com

There's no need to register or sign in. Once on the meeting page, you should see a green button with the prompt **Join meeting**. If the meeting is running, you will be asked to wait. If not, you may see something like "**Meeting has not started**" or a similar message.

If you need help, please contact the Pastor on 07889906677.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### The hope of our calling

Text: Ephesians 1:18-23

In the late 70's and 80's, it was very much about the hope of Heaven. The expectation was that Christ will return at any time. In the time since, it's been more a case of "hope deferred", which Proverbs 13:12 says "makes the heart sick". These days, we're more concerned about ticking priorities off an endless list: a job, house, marriage etc., and the phrase "if Jesus tarries" has become a cliché.

Our hope, which is real and not just a feeling, should never be about setting treasures on earth. It isn't our home. Our hope is in the riches of his glorious inheritance, which is guaranteed. We have the Holy Spirit as our assurance – a seal (Eph 1:14).

Heaven is our home and that's not a feeling either. Neither is Christ returning (John 14:1-4). Christ is guaranteed to come back. As it says in Matthew 24:36-44, no one knows the time.

#### What should our attitude be?

Everything we do must be in perspective (1 Corinthians 15:2-14). To list a few, we must:

- Work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12).
- Be prepared (Matt 24:32).
- Be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:28-29), and not to the things of this world (Romans 12:2).

#### How do we prepare

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:1-3 to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which [we] have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace". That should be one of our guiding principles.

#### **Bottom line:**

There's a guarantee that Christ is coming back. We should focus our journey to ensure we make heaven, especially at this perilous times.

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