

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Bimmy

OFFERING: Remy

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

Now faith is the assurance that what we hope for will come about and the certainty that what we cannot see exists.

Hebrews 11:1 (ISV)

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.

GOD IS THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN MAKE
THE VALLEY OF TROUBLE
A DOOR OF HOPE

HOSEA 2:15

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Sunday 19 April 2020

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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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/7c2a148a6a6f4c678d2cad460a7d36f3?siteurl=rccgbethel.my&MTID=ma34d26296c523f45b7c8ce7e2bc5324c>

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

What is the hope of our calling?

Text: Ephesians 1:15-21

The essence of Christianity is what we're doing today. If resurrection did not happen we will not be Christians. Jesus warned his disciples about his death, but they couldn't understand someone who had performed many miracles among them could be defeated. The finality of death was too much. They were sad, bewildered and confused until he appeared to them (Luke 24). But the beauty of Easter is that he rose. It is the crux of the Christian message. Even when it appears that all hope is dead and buried, the message of Easter is that hope transcends everything.

What is this hope?

For one thing, it is not physical. Being rich or changes in physical circumstances does not mean we overcome poverty. We overcome poverty when our beliefs change. The tsunami took thousands too, but these events should reinforce the message that our hope must remain anchored on things that are eternal (2 Cor 4:16-18).

The story of Easter is sometimes a personal experience. Paul had a personal experience (2 Tim 1:12-14). That's why he was able to say he's not ashamed of the gospel (Rom 1:16-17). But what if you don't have a personal experience? In that case, we can learn from Jesus and understand that if "*we have died with him, we will also live with him*" (2 Tim 2:11-13).

But because we often want to know who created or manufactured a product or is granting the hope, these may not be convincing enough. We can look for empirical facts in nature, the earth or sky. We know God created everything (Heb 3:3-4), but that may not be convincing either. Then we may appeal to knowledge, the Bible etc., or the message of the cross (1 Cor 1:18-21). The trouble is we could always find reasons for disbelief when we choose.

So, today's message or persuasive arguments by debaters and philosophers are unlikely to convince you. The way God has decided to save the world is nothing fancy like in the movies. It is the way of the cross and it seemed shameful, but this is our witness: That Jesus died, resurrected, brought new hope and has gone to prepare a kingdom for us (John 14:2).

Bottom line:

It is the same old message. No new evidence or facts apart from the truth that Jesus died and rose again. So, all I'm asking is that you have faith, not because of your personal experience or mine, but because of the hope. Wherever you are, locked down, hope is there with you. Jesus is there with you. Therefore, celebrate today and be filled with confidence (2 Tim 2:11). We can look forward to a better tomorrow.

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