

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

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).

USE ME, GOD.

SHOW ME HOW TO
TAKE WHO I AM,
WHO I WANT TO BE,
AND WHAT I CAN DO,
AND USE IT FOR
A PURPOSE
GREATER THAN MYSELF.

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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 5 July 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

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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

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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

Living a purposeful life

Text: Ephesians 5:15-20

Last week, we were encouraged to let our thoughts and actions be driven by truth and stop lying to ourselves to justify our actions. We also learnt that the Holy Spirit is the guarantor of our salvation. In our text today, we're asked to live a life that's pleasing to God and not live like fools or be unwise.

We don't need to know when we're going to die to be thoughtful and deliberate in the way we live. One thing we've learnt about the last three and half years of Jesus' life is that he was deliberate and purposeful (John 9:4-5). What are you going to do today and each and every day from now? The lyrics of a children song in the form of a prayer may help.

*Day by day dear Lord, of these three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly
Day by day*

Perhaps these words could offer some pointers to build on for each day and we can meditate further on how we could **see**, **love** or **follow** God more. Another set of guidance suggests the following for each day:

- 1) Do at least one thing you really love to do.
- 2) Do one thing of eternal consequence or value (Eph 2:10).
- 3) Be a blessing to someone e.g. pray for others, fulfill promises or help financially when you can. A phone call may make the difference between life and death for someone.

Also, from today's prayer, the Church of England suggests the following steps:

- 1) Find a place to be still
- 2) Give thanks for the good things of today
- 3) Let go of things bothering you
- 4) Review your day
- 5) Talk with god
- 6) Finish your prayer.

Whatever we choose to do, the important thing is that we're purposeful and consistent in following God. We can speculate from the life of Solomon that the reason his early years were fantastic and he backslid in his later years was because he wasn't as focused on God and things of eternal value towards, distracted by the gods of his 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3-4).

We can see an example of this consistency in the life of Paul who served God until the end, from his first encounter with Jesus (Acts 22:8-10). His legacy is seen in the churches he started and nurtured all his life. He was purposeful in preaching the gospel to the Gentiles and in the way he lived (2 Tim 4:7-8). We must be just as purposeful.

Bottom line:

Let's live in a way that will glorify God. When we look back, we must be able to give a similar testimony to Paul's (2 Tim 4:7). Let's believe in the infinite power God has deposited in us and not be weary in serving him everyday (Isa 40:31).

Related reference: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/everyday-faith/everyday-prayers>

* Download copies of Sunday bulletins from here: <http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>

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