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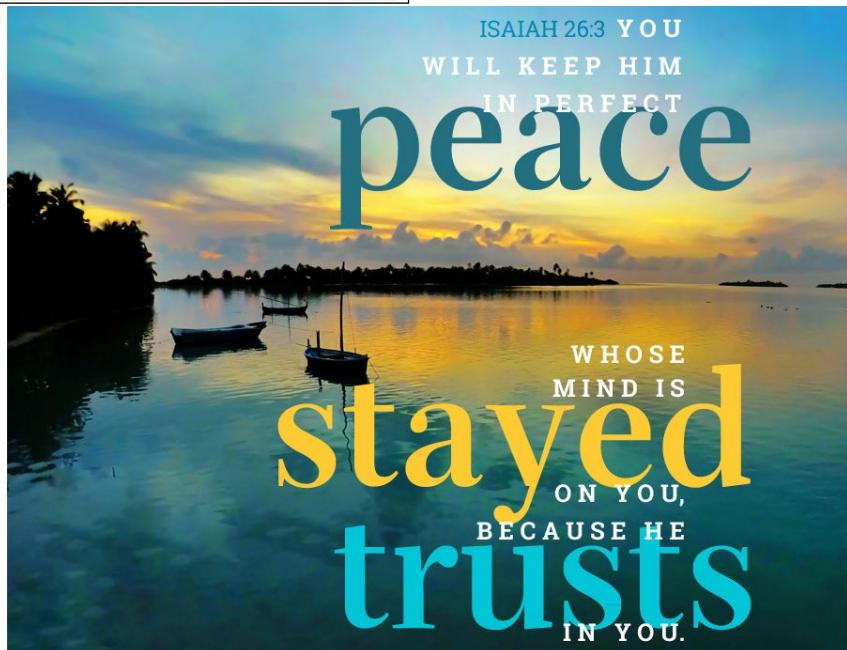
# Thanksgiving Service

## 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).



## VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He shall direct your paths.

*Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)*

## 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 September 2021

# WELCOME

*Redeemed Christian Church of God*

# Bethel

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service  
From 10am

### FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study  
From 7pm

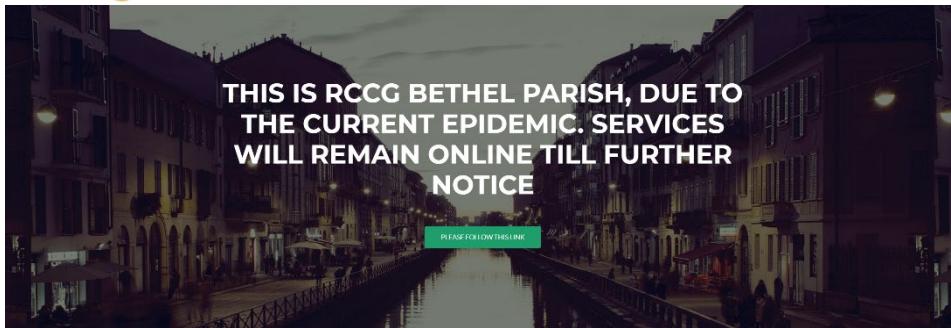
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

## Google Chrome

1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

## Mozilla Firefox

1. Open Firefox. Press **Alt-T** on the keyboard and select **Options** from the drop-down menu or go to **Tools >> Options** from the main menu.
2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
3. Enter or paste the URL: <http://rccgbethel.church/> or click **Use Current Page** if you are already on our website.

## Microsoft Edge

1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
3. Enter <http://rccgbethel.church/>. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### *The gaze of the soul*

#### **Text: Psalm 121:1-8**

The Psalmists says I will look onto the hills for help. This isn't a physical or natural look with physical eyes and he's not talking about a physical hill. He's talking about what he could see with his spiritual understanding and it means he's looking and trusting God from within himself.

The following statements should therefore be true:

#### **Our inner perspective of God is more important than outward manifestation**

**manifestation:** A zealous, committed, consistent Christian is often one that's looking onto the hills and not his surroundings. As a man thinks or sees, so he is (Psa 23:7). That's why we're told in Romans 12:2 to renew our minds. For example, choosing to be born again is a mindset change that may not be obvious immediately. But something has changed within.

#### **The outward is a reflection of the inward perspective / it is what controls you**

**you:** Seeing the Almighty inwardly brings the Psalmist confidence to trust in God (Matt 12:34; Matt 7:16-21; 26:73). Therefore, even when circumstances are contrary, Christians must let that which is within them reflect outwardly and not what they can see with physical eyes.

**It is who or what you look onto that will be your driver:** Whatever motivates you is usually what drives you to either succeed or fail. Being bold or confident is not always a reflection of height or might. That's why Paul emphasises in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 that only his inward knowledge is what matters (Heb 12:1-2; Eph 2:4-5). Sometimes, we're more afraid of the devil at the expense of serving God with reverence.

Those who need help are those who have accepted they're incapable. It takes humility and submission to seek and accept help (Psa 37:5). We need to cultivate a habit of going to God in prayer for everything, small or big, but especially when you don't know what to do (2 Chro 20:12). Consider if Joshua sought God's guidance first before the defeat in Ai, perhaps he would've been victorious (Josh 7:1-5).

#### **Bottom line:**

Looking onto Jesus should be a consistent state of mind and a way of life for all Christians (Heb 12:1-2). Our help can only come from God. We must let that knowledge give us confidence (Isa 41:10).

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