

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Bola

**OFFERING:** Austin

**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

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you ... that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

*Matthew 5:44-45 (NKJV)*

## THEME FOR THE YEAR

Our theme this year is to **enlarge and build better (Isaiah 54:2-3)**, and by God's grace, we're trusting that the boundary lines will fall for us in pleasant places (Amen).

## 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.



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Sunday 13 March 2022

# 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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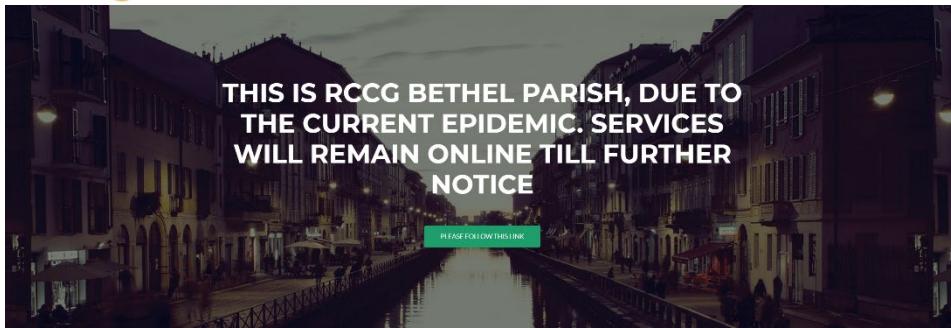
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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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

### **Are we called to be pacifist?**

#### **Text: Matthew 5:9**

This text tells us God blesses the peacemakers because we're called to be peacemakers wherever we are, in our neighbourhood, communities and homes. Pacifists believe that war is unjustifiable, but as Christians, there are times war may be unavoidable. We're called not to inflame, expresses our rages, take revenge or to fight unjust wars, but there are times we may have to defend ourselves.

Jesus went into the temple and turned the table over (Jn 2:13-16). The violence is undeniable, but Jesus also preached about maintaining peace (Matt 5:9; 39-44). However, for peace to remain or persist, it is often the case that it must be enforced and maintained, by the police for example. Without that, there's bound to be chaos. Pacifists often do not take this into consideration.

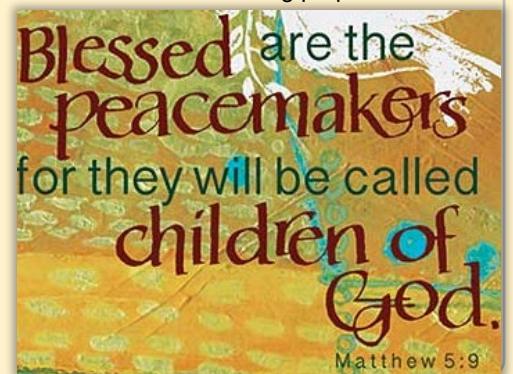
Soldiers can be Christians and they go to war. The question is what do we do in an unjust war, where rules have been thrown out of the window and we're convinced evil actions are being done for its own sake? In Luke 3:14, John the Baptist gave some soldiers who came to him some guidance not to intimidate anyone and be content. Christians are expected to seek peace as much as it is possible (Rom 12:18).

Likewise, Jesus told us his kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:36). There is a time for everything (Eccl 3:1; 8), but we must remember we've been called into the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18-20). The government may make cases for war on our behalf or to defend a nation (Rom 13:4). It is a personal decision whether to participate or not and the Holy Spirit is always ready to guide us (Jn 16:13). However, we can also object when we feel evil are being perpetrated in our names (Matt 26:52).

Jesus came to bring us his kingdom and its peace which will never end (Isa 9:6; Jn 14:27; Revelation 21:3).

#### **Bottom line:**

No one wins in a war. As Christians, we must work towards the day when there'll be no more need for war (Isaiah 11:6-9).



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