

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Akinola

OFFERING: Yetunde

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

And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

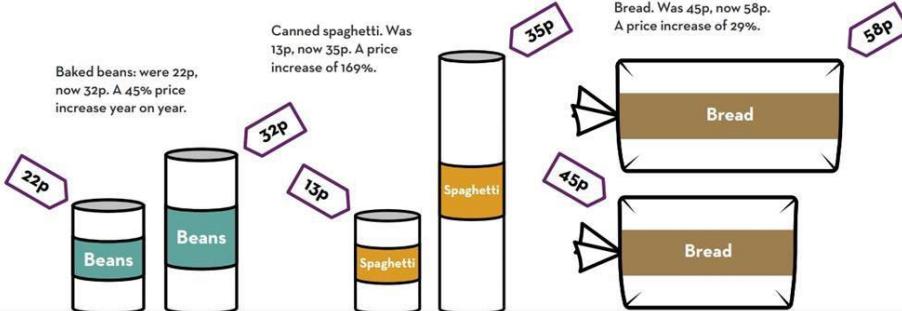
Luke 12:29-30 (NKJV)

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 visit our website to find out how.



Your donations could help loosen the grip of poverty worldwide.

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Sunday 11 September 2022

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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

RCCG Bethel Parish

Unit 13, Skylines Village
Limeharbour, London E14 9TS

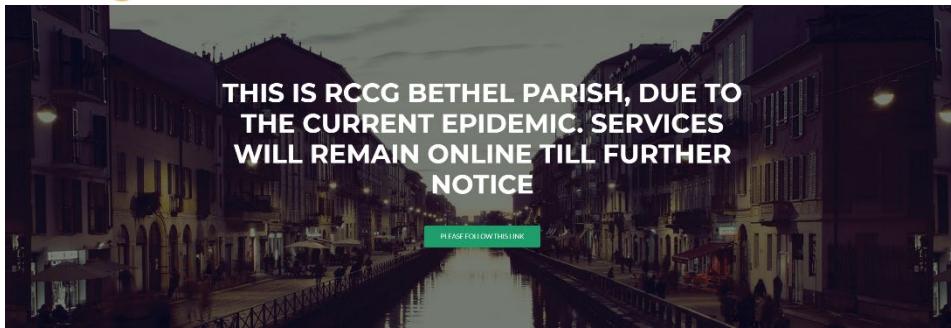
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Our 'must-visit' website



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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

How should Christians deal with the cost of living crisis?

Text: Acts 11:25-30

Nothing happening to us now, in the past or future is new (Ecc 1:9). It's all happened before and will again. However, it is often difficult to console anyone with such sentiments. For the most part, it is the shock of the sudden changes, along with the media telling us it's like nothing we've ever experienced before. In time, we adjust and find ways to cope.

All through history, there's always been times of abundance and scarcity. We could follow many of the instructions proposed to mitigate the impact. Ultimately, we must understand that God is the only one that can help us and one way to make sure we remain unaffected is to continue to give to God (2 Cor 8:1-3). Let's share what we have with others, freely. Cook extras, donate to charities helping others, open your doors and be hospitable. Let's also confide in someone when struggling.

It doesn't matter how little or big we can do. It only matters that we do something. Let's be our brothers' keepers. (Acts 11:25-30). Those who have should share with those who do not. Sometimes, the tendency in these cases is to horde, because we're afraid we don't know what may happen in future. Let's remove fear from our hearts as much as possible (Gen 26:1-2). God loves to help us in times of need and hates it when we go searching for help somewhere else (Isa 31:1-2; 15).

This is even more important now because the crisis is global and everywhere. In such circumstances when there's no solace to be had anywhere and that's why removing fear from our hearts and going to God, who's helped us through many difficult times in the past will be even more important (Ex 14:13-14). As a matter of fact, crisis often brings opportunities to advance or search for a non-standard solution and sometimes, they prove profitable for us. Take this as an opportunity to trust God and see if he won't open the windows of heaven for you (Mal 3:10).

Bottom line:

In this crisis period, God is telling you to **"just stay calm"** (Ex 14:14 – NLT). God is still able to save us from storms, whatever they are (Isa 59:1). Let's believe that and look out for opportunities to reveal the saving grace of God in our lives instead (2 Cor 5:20).

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