

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Akin

OFFERING: David

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

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.

Deuteronomy 10:17-18 (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.

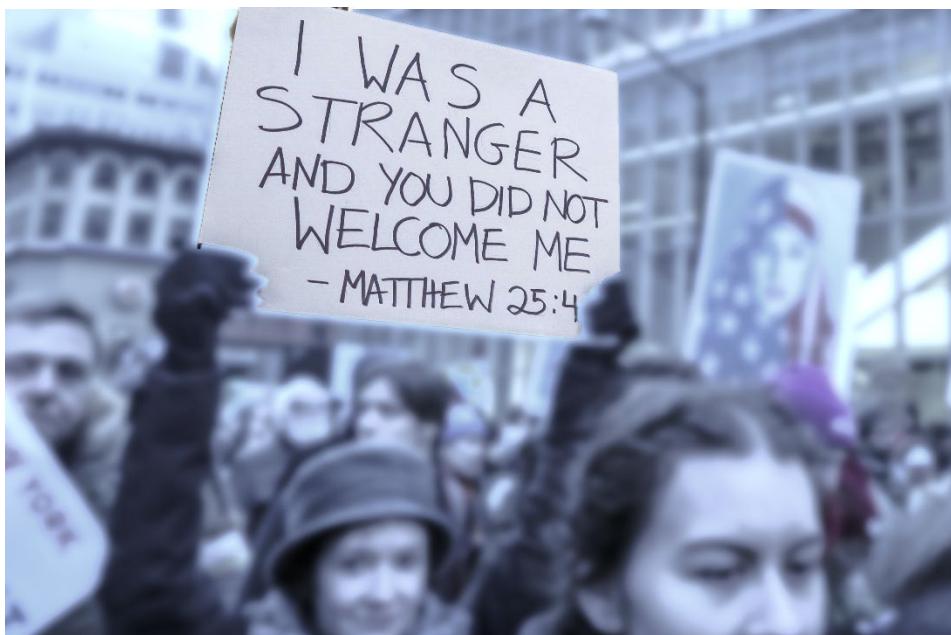


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Sunday 13 November 2022

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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

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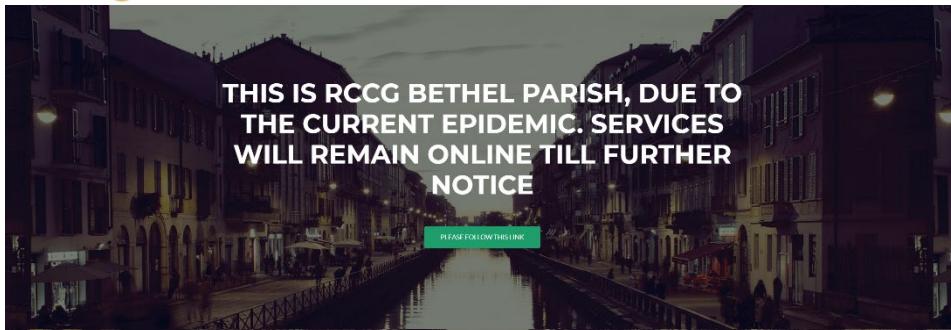
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Our 'must-visit' website



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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

How should Christians view refugees?

Text: Matthew 25:31-40

It is necessary to ask ourselves this question after a man threw petrol bombs into a refugee camp in Dover and then killed himself. It is said that at least 27.1 million people are refugees all over the world today. That's the scale of the problem and we may need to ask ourselves who counts as one.

A refugee is defined as anyone, forced to live their place of abode or country for reasons including war, natural disasters and so on. Immigrants are different, often leaving their homes for a better life or to be with someone they love. Also, they usually have the option of going back.

Often, refugees are not able to return to where they've come from and their lives are never the same even when they do. That's why they put themselves at risk and go to great lengths, rain or shine, to get to a place of salvation. Pressure on local resources is one of the reasons communities or people turn on refugees or immigrants. They then get blamed for government policies or problems that aren't their fault.

The first thing we need to have for them is compassion (Matt 9:36). Whatever their reasons for leaving, it is the least we can offer them. In most countries, these people are confined to places that are sometimes worse than a prison and subjected to hosts of abuses. God asks us to love our brothers as we love ourselves (Matt 22:39; Gal 6:10). We need to pray for them and for the government to make the right policies. We can also support charities caring for them.

Pray also for all nations, that the Lord will build them up so there will be no need for their citizens to flee in droves. Let's stop seeing them as people taking away resources, jobs, houses or other things from us and think about what must have driven them to go through their journey. That may aid us to change our mindset or any prejudice against them and offer compassion or help instead.

Bottom line:

We are called to love our neighbours and render help to all who need us. As Christians, that should be our response. We're all brothers and sisters (Gal 3:28). It is only the grace of God that separates us from such fates and we will one day be together, when Jesus takes us all home (Rev 7:9).

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