

Sunday worship

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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

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! On that day I will gather you together and bring you home again. I will give you a good name, a name of distinction, among all the nations of the earth.

Zephaniah 3:14; 20a (NLT)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Faith in action

(2 Thessalonians 1:11).

We're trusting God to enable us to do all the good things faith prompts in us in Jesus name (NLT).

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

THE
DAY OF THE **LORD**

*This is the Day
That the Lord Has Made*

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Sunday 8 January 2023

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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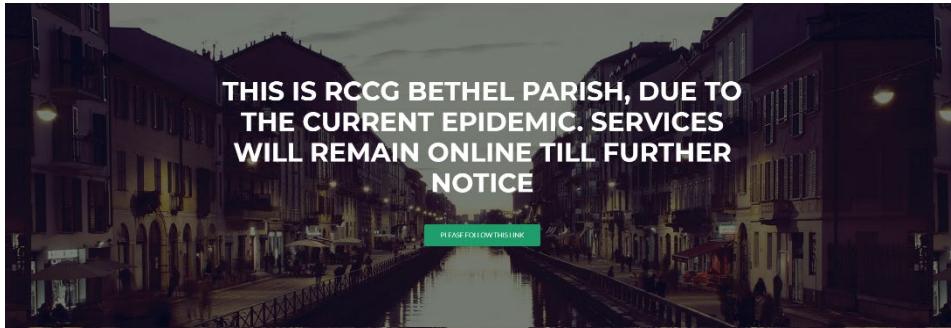
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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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 day of the Lord

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 (NLT)

We are living in a time of open rebellion. Nowadays, people will say things they normally won't say in the past. Paul told us not to be fooled by those who claim they have visions by spirit, word or a letter from the apostles about the day of the Lord, until on there's great rebellion against God and revelation of the man of lawlessness (2 Thes 2:2-3). There was no need for Paul to clarify what he meant, but we may ask ourselves a question today.

What makes a day the day of the Lord? Some of us may accept Christmas, New Year and Easter are special days and there may be days so striking and momentous we can't forget. The day of the Lord isn't that obvious. The scriptures tell us to worship God in spirit and in truth (Jn 4:24) and John described being in the spirit on the Lord's Day (Rev 1:10). What does these mean? How do you connect and worship God in spirit and in truth?

The Sabbath is known as a day devoted to worshipping God and doing nothing else in the days of Moses and the OT. The early church later selected a day they called the Lord's Day. That was the day John talked about in the book of Revelations. It is on Sunday, the first day of the week and like the Sabbath, they do no work. There are modern versions today, perhaps at retreats and so on, some only permitting Christian activities.

However, the truth is it's not about what we do physically, but what connects with him in spirit. Among many things, music can move us emotionally, but when we worship, there should be a connection in spirit between us and God. The scriptures say the natural mind cannot comprehend the things of God or worship him (1 Cor 2:14; Rom 8:5-10). A day of judgement is common in scriptures, described by Prophet Isaiah as a day of torment, devastation and desolation (Isa 2:1-22). What differentiates this from the day of the Lord?

The day of the Lord shouldn't be a day we're afraid of. A day was described in the book of Psalms, made for us to rejoice and be glad (Psa 118:22-24). Therefore, we should be praying for the judgement day. Another was described in Hebrews as the day God speaks (Heb 1:1-2). We sometimes limit ourselves to what we see. Our interactions with God should have no dimensions or limitations, when we worship in spirit and in truth.

For example, we're reading letters of Paul today, hundreds of years after he wrote them. They've transcended time, space and the audiences they were meant for, reaching more people than he ever intended. The day when we hear God's voice is described somewhere else (Heb 3:7). This is the day of the Lord and for us, that day is **today**.

Some days have been described as perfect. Winning the lottery, birthdays or any day that stands out, not easily forgotten. They're unusual or extraordinary, but what's perfect for us may be less so for others. However, we can make every day this year the day of the Lord for us. A day when God speaks to us and we listen and hear him (Heb 3:7).

Bottom line:

Days become unique by the things that happen in them. when we're connected with God in spirit and in truth, transcending the physical, those are the days of the Lord. May every day this year be the Lord's Day for us, a gift from God in Jesus's name.

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