

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

For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy....

1 Corinthians 12:8-10a (NKJV)

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 relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians.

- Pope Francis

Celebrate

the Word of God.



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Sunday 29 January 2023

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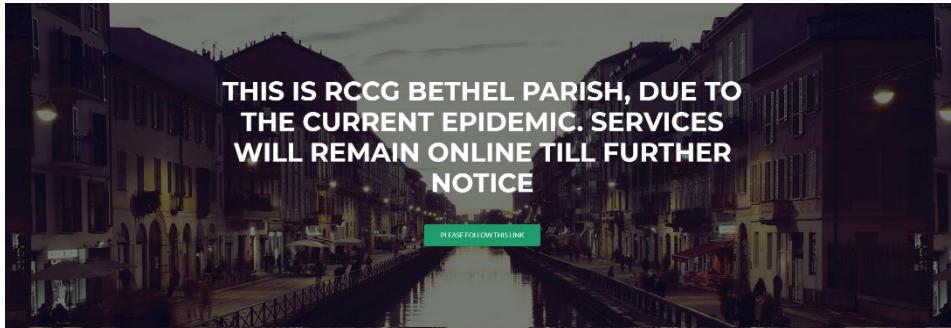
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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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/>.

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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.
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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

Celebrate the word of God

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (AMP)

Paul prayed in this verse that the “**word of the Lord**” will “**spread rapidly and be honoured**” (AMP). Once, some asked Jeremiah to tell them the word of the Lord, promising to do whatever it says. When he told them however, they balked. In contrast, when the angel appeared to the Mary to give her what he called “**glad tidings**” about having a son out of wedlock, Mary’s response was that God’s word be fulfilled in her life (Lk 1:30-38).

However, it was clear the word given to Mary wasn’t palatable, convenient or well understood. So, she went to her cousin, Elizabeth for confirmation and once she got one, praised God in submission. Do we celebrate God’s word in our lives? There may be some truths we know or should know, that when expressed in a certain way, catches our attention. There may also be information that we need and don’t yet know. It could also mean God will not be able to do what he needs to do through us, if we don’t know them.

We see this in the story of Daniel who discovered a prophecy that the captivity of Israel will end in the seventieth year. It is interesting that he found out about this in the sixty-ninth year and began to pray for its fulfilment (Dan 9:1-3). This wasn’t an accident. Like Daniel, there may be times the Holy Spirit prompts us to pray for something that hasn’t happened yet. That’s one of the most powerful impetus we can have to seek God, because it is not a prayer of desperation and often, do not arise from fearfulness.

The Psalmist shows us how to extol and celebrate the word of God, and Psalm 119 may be considered a love letter to God. For example, David yearned to get to a place where his life consistently aligns and mirrors God’s word (e.g Psa 119:4-6; Jn 2:5). In another place, he maintains God’s word is without limits (e.g. Psa 119:96-99). Like him, we must delight ourselves in the word of God always because it is not everyone that God trusts with his revelation or such fore-knowledge (Matt 13:11-14).

Most of us have gadgets in our possession and we often don’t know the full extent of their functionality or power. We cannot treat the word of God that way. This year, we must resolve to discover everything God wants to reveal to us, prayerfully. Once we do, we must act and also honour and celebrate the word of God. One way to do that is to pray and fast, trusting that God who gave us the word is able to fulfil his purpose in us.

Know that only God knows where he’s taking each of us. In the life of every Christian, change begins with the word of God and that comes with knowledge about what we must do at a certain point in time. It isn’t often about skills or cleverness (Zech 4:6). Let’s make this year a journey of discovery and allow God to give us the knowledge we need at the right time, about what to do, where to do it and how to achieve maximum impact etc (Jn 4:10).

Bottom line:

When God gives us prophetic word of knowledge about something ahead (1 Cor 12:8), it is so we can do something about it. Take action, honour it and celebrate the word of God.

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