

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

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you... For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:15-17 (NKJV)

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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?

December Prayer and Fasting will span **7 days**: from **1 – 7 Dec.** We'll pray in our homes each evening and meet on **Friday, 8 Dec** to pray together.

“OUTSIDE
THE WILL OF GOD
THERE IS NOTHING
I WANT, AND IN
THE WILL OF GOD
THERE IS NOTHING
I FEAR.”
— A. W. TOZER

Stop overthinking. If it's God's will, it'll happen and nothing will stop it. If it's not, He has a better plan. Have peace in knowing that.

An illustration of Charlie Brown and Snoopy from the Peanuts comic strip. They are standing in a field, looking at a simple wooden fence. Charlie Brown is on the left, wearing his signature zig-zag shirt. Snoopy is on the right, sitting on his hind legs. The background is a simple landscape with a horizon line and some distant hills. The entire scene is rendered in a warm, brownish-orange color palette.

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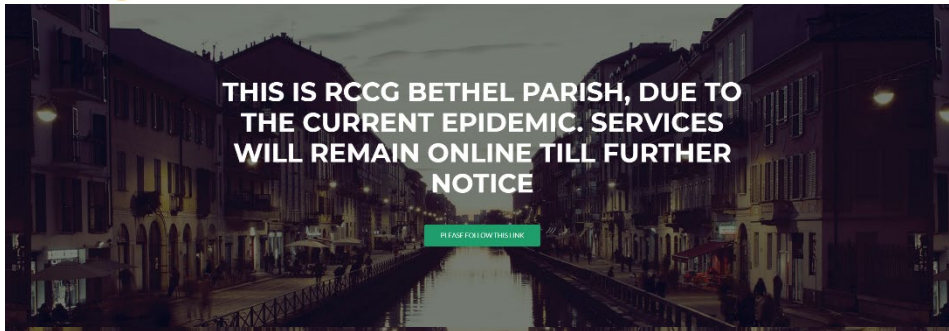
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to 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

Is there bad success?

Text: Joshua 1:8 (KJV)

What are we trying to succeed at, may be another question to ask? The word success in this text can mean different things in different translations. One of them is **"to look upon or have insight"**. That gives the scripture a whole new meaning, prioritising having good insight into the word of God. We can conclude that having a good understanding of the word of God is necessary for it to prosper and have impact on our lives.

The word of God tells us that what we should glory in is truly knowing him and God was emphasising this to Joshua (Jer 9:23-24). The fact that Joshua was deceived by the Gibeonites suggests he didn't actually heed God's counsel later in life (Jos 9:1-27). If he'd been meditative or taken counsel from God, who knows if he would've made the treaty with the Gibeonites?

It's great to have success. However, truly knowing God is what will really make us prosperous. For example, if we truly know God, can we ever be proud before him? Nathanael's arrogance disappeared as soon as he met Jesus (Jn 1:49). Paul said what do we have that he didn't give us (1 Cor 4:7).

Therefore, any success that isn't from God will ultimately lead us away from his will for us. It is about God. Therefore, good success is being an effective witness for Christ and bad success is anything that takes us out of the will of God for our lives. The success God intended for Joshua is insight and understanding into his word.

Jesus said we're a city built on a hill (Matt 5:13-14) and these days, we're exposed more and more, especially on social media. Whatever God leads us to do will lead to good success, as long as we're in God's will i.e. our acts are right before God. That's the kind of success we need (Rom 8:28). There may be times we don't get what we expect or things don't happen as desired, but don't despair. Our path will always take us to where God wants us.

Bottom line:

Everything in our lives is a means to an end. There's a path to God's purpose and a path of struggle. We're called to be God's witness (Jos 24:15; Jn 1:46-49).

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