

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

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

Jeremiah 1:9-10 (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.

Words
have
Power

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Sunday 31 December 2023

WELCOME

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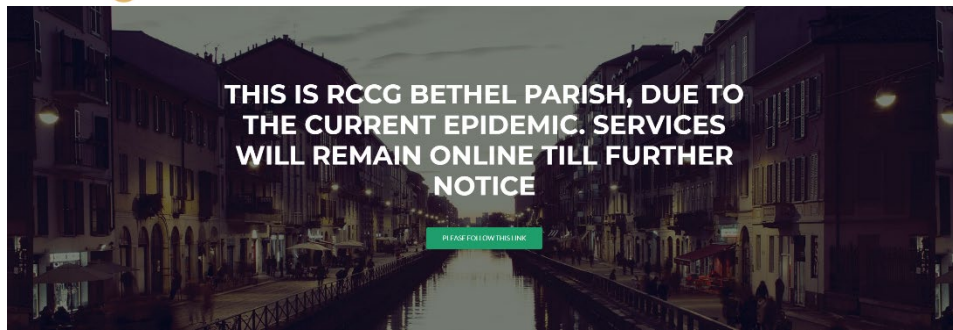
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to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

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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.
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 gates of the year

Text: Revelations 21:9-14

Today, we're going to look at the significance of gates. The title of the message's taken from a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957) called **God knows**¹. Gates are one of the most important part of the construction of any house because it is the first line of defence for the occupants. It is also a point of vulnerability and usually well-guarded. To ensure adequate protection, price or expense is no object.

Gates are referenced in a variety of ways in the Scriptures. There are different types and the point of entry may determine the destination. There are gates to get into heaven, described in the last book of the Bible (Rev 21:12-13). Also, gates can be just as vulnerable for the enemy and this fact was exploited by Samson to terrorise his enemies (Jdg 16:1-3).

The Psalmist wrote about the gate of thanksgiving (Psa 100:2-4). Some may choose to go into the New Year through the gate of regrets or frustration. There are those who have given up (Heb 10:39). What gate will you go through into the New Year? What defence do you need? There are internal and external gates. Our mouth, eyes and ears can be essential points of entry into our bodies and lives (Psa 141:1-3; 1:1-2). They can make us vulnerable.

It is often said that there are no original thoughts. The opinions we formed over the years that shapes our lives came from somewhere. They often stem from something we've once read or heard. What principles do you run your life by? From where do we get the ideas we hold as crucial. We need to set a guard over our vulnerable points of entry and ensure they're impregnable, because what we say have the ability to shape our future (Matt 12:36-37).

Bottom line:

Gates can make us vulnerable except those God sets guards over. When God is your defence, the gates of your life are impregnable (Rev 21:22-27). Ask God to set a guard over what you see, hear or say as we proceed into Year 2024.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Gate_of_the_Year

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