

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

He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

Isaiah 40:11 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

To be all in

Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

Peter replied to him, "Lord, if it is [really] you, command me to come to you on the water." ~ **Matthew 14:28** (AMP).

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.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.

John 10:11

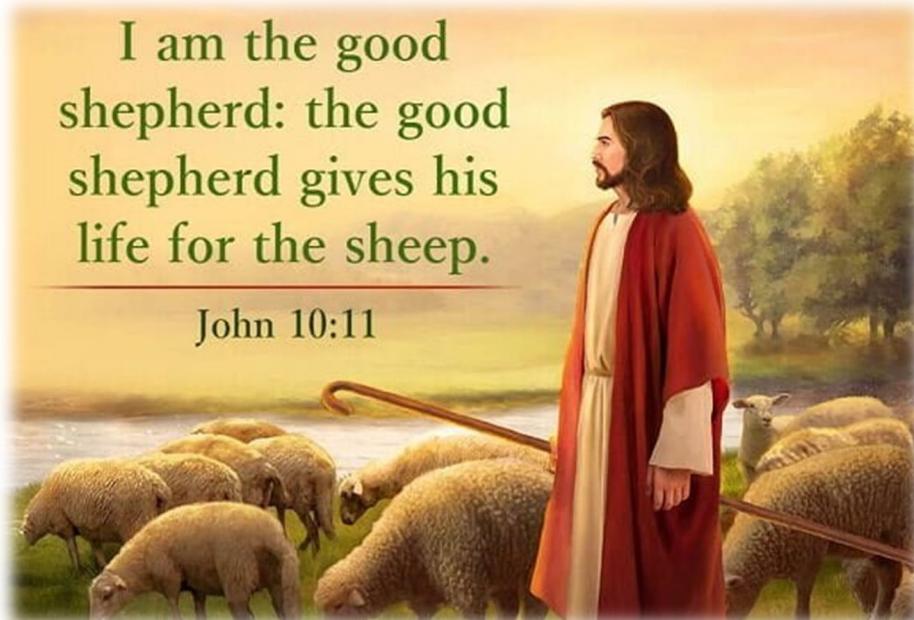


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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

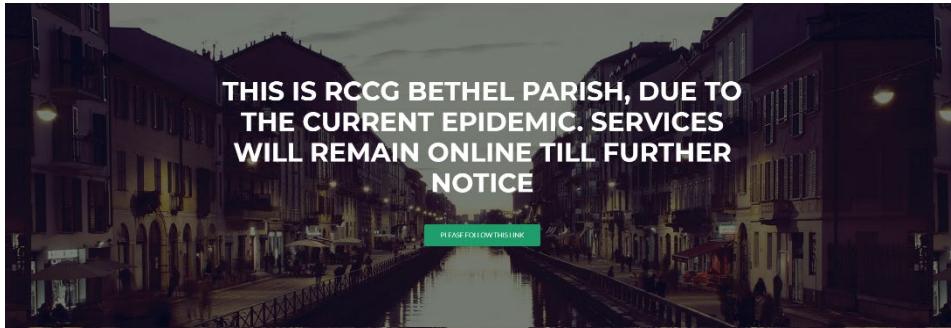
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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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

Is God still your shepherd?

Text: Psalms 23:1-6

Psalm 23 will only make sense to us if God is close to us. It's very easy to lose touch with reality in the society we live in today, where some things seem to work. We may become oblivious and comfortable, guiding and leading yourself while believing God is leading us. Psalm 23 precedes Psalm 22, which begins with David in anguish. He cried "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" (Psa 22:1). In Psalm 23, he said "*The Lord is my shepherd*" and Psalm 24 reinforces who God is.

Psalm 23 teaches us not to be in a hurry, to wait and depend on God. His time is the best time. By our own effort, we can do nothing, but we can do anything when we depend on God (Phil 4:13). Who is a shepherd? It is the person who tends to sheep. Therefore, no shepherd without sheep. It is also a term used for a Pastor. In the days of Ezekiel, the leaders were called shepherds, but they weren't good ones.

A shepherd is a coach, a counsellor, a guide. He leads, mentors, pilots, shows the way and tutors. It is very difficult to find a human being able to serve in all of these capacities, but God can. It's best for the sheep to rely on the coaching of God, our Shepherd. King David knows what it means to be a shepherd, referred to as a shepherd boy. Whenever his sheep was threatened by lion or bear, David recognised that it was God who made it possible for him to protect his sheep. That's why he was brave against Goliath (1 Sam 17:34-36).

The scriptures said Jesus said he is the good shepherds (Jn 10:11). That suggests there can be bad shepherds. There are three distinct features to note in this psalm. The first verse refers to God as our shepherd, able to provide, guide and protect (Psa 23:1-4). God doesn't make mistakes and his blessings add no sorrow (Prov 10:22).

We must learn to listen for God's guidance and direction in our lives, even when it makes no sense. For example, God may tell you to leave your job. You may have nothing to fall back on, worried about making ends meet, but learn to trust in God's leading (Prov 3:5-6). God will guide us to a place of rest where all our needs are met, with peace of mind. He doesn't just care about our spiritual needs. He also cares about our physical and emotional needs.

When we walk through danger or raging fires, he will be there with us (Isa 43:2). God declared that he will be our God and he loved us with an everlasting love (Jer 31:1-3). He will never forsake us (Heb 13:5-6). He will rise up for us in a timely manner. God has a purpose for all of us, even unbelievers. At times, human beings may be employed to help us, but God is all we need (Psa 16:5). With God, we can find all we want (Deut 31:8-9).

Bottom line:

Some believers trust in people or their connections. Psalm 23 is about relying on God's direction. We must depend totally on God and seek his guidance always in the place of prayer (1 Thes 5:16-18; Isa 13:43; Eph 3:20-21).

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