

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 another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

Revelation 8:3-4 (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.

"Offer your
body as a living
sacrifice."

Romans 12:1

*Because of Christ we no longer have to bring a sacrifice.
We've become one.*

Image source(s): <https://busyblessedwomen.com/offer-your-body-as-a-living-sacrifice/>



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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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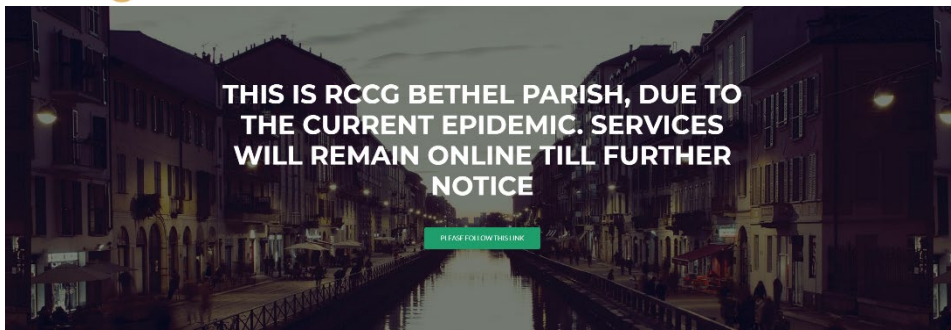
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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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.

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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.
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1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
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4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Raising altars

Text: Genesis 12:7-8

Abraham built several altars. Wherever he went, it was the first thing he did. He wasn't the only one. Various people, including King Saul built altars (1 Sam 14:34-35). However, there are different altars, some more important than others. One of them was built in Bethel and it was started by Jacob (Gen 28:10-22; 35:1-7). A rival altar was built in the same place years later and was rejected with consequences for King Jeroboam (1 Kngs 13:1-5).

When Israel rejected God and built an altar to Baal, Elijah challenged their priest and showcased the power of God (1 Kngs 18:20-29). Today, when the church talks about altars, it's in different ways, referring to several things including offering. However, can any offering we give to God really be sacrificial, considering God's given us so much?

It's been said the Old Testament is a shadow of what's to come and as important and numerous the various altars may be, in the book of Hebrews, we're told of the High Priest who's able to sympathise with our weaknesses and the altar of grace (Heb 4:14-16). Jesus sacrificed himself to redeem us ((Heb 10:1; 5-7)), but we're also asked to offer ourselves as living and holy sacrifices to God as an act of worship (Rom 12:1-2).

As a matter of fact, our bodies are the only true sacrifice God requires. The Macedonians were eager to give because they gave themselves first (2 Cor 8:1-5). In Cain and Abel's story, we focus on what each of them gave, but God was more interested in their heart and motives (Gen 4:3-7). God doesn't need our offering. He owns cattle on a thousand hills (Psa 50:10).

So, the size of our offering is immaterial (Lk 21:1-4; 1 Kngs 3:4). The eyes of the Lord run to and fro, looking for those whose heart is perfect toward him (2 Chr 16:9). Our hearts and relationships with God that determine the quality of our offering. Aaron's rod was accepted over those of his detractors only because it was Aaron's (Num 17:1-11). Now the true altar we're building are inside of us.

Bottom line:

Abraham's altars meant something to God because they were built by him. So, it was about their relationship. Now we're his temple, indwelt by God (1 Cor 3:16), our hearts need to be right with God first (Matt 5:23-24). That's what God requires of us, first and foremost (Psa 50:7-23).

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