#### 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

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

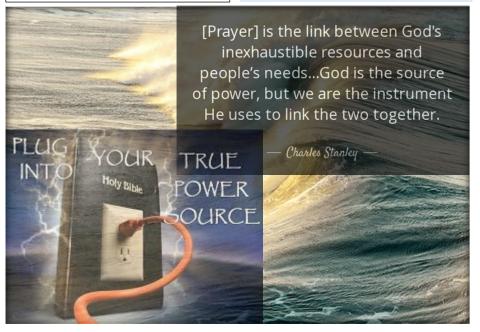
#### THEME FOR THE YEAR

# Year of opportunities John 4:35-38 AMP

"For in this case the saying is true, 'One [person] sows and another reaps." ~ **John 4:37** (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.





# **WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS**

### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service From 10am

# FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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## Our 'must-visit' website



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 (<a href="http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/">http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/</a>). 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**

- 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 <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a>.

#### **Mozilla Firefox**

- 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.
- In the Home section, select Homepage and new windows and Custom URLs... from the field's drop down.
- Enter or paste the URL: <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a> 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.
- Select Settings and select A Specific Page or Pages from the Open Microsoft Edge With section drop down options.
- 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

#### Portrait of Christ - Part 1

Text: Isaiah 40:21-31 (NLT)

There are a number of things to note in today's text. First, God has already spoken every word he's ever going to speak to us (Psa 139:16; Isa 40:28). Understanding our purpose is crucial when we plan for the future (Psa 90:12). Isaiah reminded Israel of their rights (Isa 40:27).

Then he said God never grows weak or weary. Those are attributes unique to God. Mountains diminish, oceans and empires cease to exist, but God remains the same. That's why he's able to give power to the weak (Isa 40:28-29). God is an inexhaustible power source for us (Psa 121:4; 1 Kng 19:4-8).

This is our assurance, that we obtain new strength when we need it most (Isa 40:31). A resilient person can adapt, cope and bounce back from adversity... by using inner strength... not by avoiding pain, but by working through it, recovering in record time. The birth of Jesus signifies a reset opportunity for nature and for us (Lk 2:6-14), a chance to renew strength (Lk 4:17-21).

The year's almost ended and as we reflect, we may find things we've hoped to accomplish yet undone. Some dreams may've been abandoned because we're weary. Abraham got to that point too and he seemed to have given up, praying for God to spare Ishmael (Gen 17:18). Today, we're reminded our dreams are still in reach. We just need to renew strength and find new direction(s) (1 Sam 30:8).

When we don't give up, grow weary or faint, the journey of a thousand miles will end one day. As we go into 2026, be ready to go again because we've an inexhaustible power source (Jn 15:5; Isa 40:31). Moses (Deut 34:7), David (Psa 23:1-3; 1 Sam 17:26), Elijah (1 Kng 17:1) all knew they were connected. Pray for an understanding of what that means (Isa 40:28).

#### **Bottom line:**

The journey of life is won by those who do not grow tired or weary. If you're feeling weary and weak, realise it's a state of mind and not the reality, because you're connected to an inexhaustible power source. May we realise the impact we carry and the influence we can wield in Jesus name (Amen).

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