

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

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Listen carefully, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will call his name Immanuel (God with us).

*Isaiah 7:14 (AMP)*

## 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.

God is with us in our pain, He is with us in the *deepest* dark valley, and He is with us in our waiting and in our *wandering*.

ALICE MATAGORA



Sunday 21 December 2025

# 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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# 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 (<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

### *Emmanuel*

#### **Text: Matthew 1:18-23**

These days, Christmas celebrations can take many forms. For us Christians, it should be a time of gratitude that Christ came to redeem us and bring about reconciliation between man and God (Lk 23:12). Our text today emphasises this and the book of Isaiah gave us practical implications of his coming (Isa 41:8-15).

God's ever present with us because he's Emmanuel (Matt 1:23). However, are we conscious of him? Psalm 23 suggests David understood perfectly. He knew God's ever close, wherever and whenever we are (Psa 23:4 NLT). He always hears us when we pray and always working to bring to pass his purpose in our lives (Jn 11:22).

When Christ came, he was the game changer. A few key benefits among many include safety (Mk 4:37-39). He's also given us direct access to God (Heb 4:16). He brings provision (Psa 23:1). He's our ever-present advocate before God (1 Jn 2:1; Lk 20:28; 2 Cor 5:9-11; Jd 12:24-25; Heb 7:24-25 AMP) and he brought us salvation.

Christ is a priest forever and he'll be right there alongside us when we appear before the throne of judgement (Heb 7:17). Therefore, our salvation is eternal, unbound by time and space. Thus, we needn't live as though we're helpless. Like a famous plaque says: ***Christ is the head of our house... the unseen guest at every meal and the silent listener to every conversation.*** We are never alone.

#### **Bottom line:**

Christ is Emmanuel: God with us, revealed in us. Therefore, we've nothing fear. Be conscious of that truth today and let it set you free (Jn 8:32).

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