

\*\*\* GIVE THANKS \*\*\*

# Thanksgiving Service

## 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

**To build and consolidate**  
**Nehemiah 2:12**

*I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Every Sunday**, we worship together at **Unit 26, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

**"WHEN CONNECTION  
BECOMES THE GOAL PRAYER  
STOPS BEING A TASK ON  
YOUR CHECKLIST AND  
BECOMES THE RHYTHM OF  
YOUR LIFE."**

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Sunday 4 January 2026

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*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



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JOIN US ONLINE AT 10AM OR VISIT US  
AT UNIT 26, SKYLINE VILLAGES, E14 9TS

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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/>.

## 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

### *The right / strategic prayer*

#### **Text: Nehemiah 1:1-11**

This was Nehemiah's prayer before approaching King Artaxerxes for help to rebuild Jerusalem, and at the end, he asked God to grant him favour with the king (Neh 1:11). Sometimes we know God's plan and sometimes we're unaware of it. For example, God sent Elijah to the Widow of Zarephath to be fed. But the woman had a different plan; to eat her last meal with her son and die (1 Kngs 17:7-12).

Likewise, it's more than likely that God's plan for you is different from yours, but know also that every plan of God for man comes with a strategic prayer. Simeon and Anna were both praying to see God's promise fulfilled in their lifetime (Lk 2:25-32; 36-38). Anna fasted and prayed night and day for eighty-four years, since she was a widow.

Prayer's important, but what we pray about is even more crucial (Mat 6:7) The disciples must have learnt something from John the Baptists' prayer life when they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray (Lk 11:1). We need to be strategic because there are times we pray for things of no significance and ignore what really matters (Lk 19:42). James gave us a description of the prayers we need (Js 5:13-18 AMP).

As powerful as our prayers may be, they need to be strategic and directed to be effective. We can find an example in the book of 2 Samuel. David knew the only prayer he needed was against Ahitophel's counsel (2 Sam 15:31). This year, we must devote time to prayer, but they need to be strategic.

Pray for God to give you wisdom to pray the right prayers for the right reasons and things, because that changes everything. Don't pray useless prayers. When God opens your eyes, you can pray for things before they happen. For a church, asking God to give us the right people to build may be better than asking for growth.

Become friends with the Holy Spirit. As God revealed his plans or Sodom and Gomorrah to Abraham, there was a clear strategy in Abraham's request (Gen 18:17-33) and God knew what Abraham really cared about was to save his nephew, Lot (Gen 19:15-22; 29). Make a prayer plan and check it off as they're answered. At the end of the year, you may begin to see the direction your life's gone and realise nothing changes things like prayer in this life.

#### **Bottom line:**

Don't pray reactive prayers this year. Seek God's face so that you pray effectual prayers and do not pray amiss (Js 4:3). Pray for wisdom that you're not caught unawares and also to pray for the real need in your life.

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