

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

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Hebrews 12:7-8 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

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.



Sunday 24 May 2026

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our kids
are our
primary
mission
field.
How are we
setting
them up
for success
in the Lord?

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AT UNIT 26, SKYLINE VILLAGES, E14 9TS

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JOIN US ON ZOOM

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

Cross-cultural parenting

Text: Proverbs 22:6

It is very important that we train our children in the way of the Lord, regardless of circumstances or the country we live. Cross-cultural parenting is about raising children while navigating two or more backgrounds. Even while this may be challenging, it is important to train and guide children.

Children Act 1989 legislates for how children should be raised in the UK and using "iron hand" or smacking children is largely forbidden because it is termed abuse and may result in social services taking our children away and putting them into the care system. It is a flawed system, often not ideal for prioritising an all-round approach to rearing children.

In places like Africa, the whole community bring up children. That may not be applicable in the UK where people are more likely to mind their own businesses. But children should be brought up to respect their elders and that's not necessarily a cultural practice. Elders are given priorities too in the UK and the word of God supports this (Lev 19:32).

Discipline is critical to guide children aright (Pro 13:34), but it must be rooted in family values, and once the foundation's set, they'll return even if they drift away. Children are often silenced in places like Africa. In contrast, the Western world prioritises child autonomy, emotional intelligence and avoiding shaming as well as independence over strict parenting.

Both approaches have their pros and cons, and overly strict parenting may be termed abuse. We need a blending of approaches to conflicts arising from culture clashes and encourage our children to speak their mind, be bold and self-reliant. Scriptures support discipline that is just and appropriate, with love (Eph 6:4).

Discipline's to help guide them. It shouldn't create problems. Be aware that children raised in African churches may struggle to engage with others from outside the church. We need to stop putting undue academic pressures on children (Rom 12:1-2). Children are the gift of God to us (Psa 127:3-5). We must be careful to nurture their gifts (Pro 18:16) and not to damage them.

Bottom line:

Children should be disciplined and guided (Pro 18:13). Pray for wisdom to train them in the way of God. Employ a balanced approach to child discipline.

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