

Sunday worship

Join online

<http://bit.ly/3TSxxek>

Watch on YouTube

<http://bit.ly/3aCxmjW>

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

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (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.

“When He returns
is not as important
as the fact that
we are ready
for Him when
He does return.”

A. W. Tozer

Image source(s): <https://www.instagram.com/p/DXmNneJitAw/>



Sunday 27 September 2026

WELCOME

Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

RCCG Bethel Parish

Unit 26, Skylines Village

Limeharbour, London E14 9TS

PHONE: 07889906677 || EMAIL:

admin@rccgbethel.church

WEB: www.rccgbethel.church

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

The East and Miphkad Gates

Text: Nehemiah 3:28-31

These are the last of the gates mentioned in the book of Nehemiah. We've come full circle back to the Sheep Gate. Ezekiel was told the East Gate of the temple shall remain shut, because "**the Lord God of Israel**" has entered by it (Ez 44:1-3). And when Jesus was born, his star was said to have come from the East (Matt 2:1-2).

Thus, the East Gate signifies the return of the King, just like the East Gate in the old temple, designated for the Lord's entrance. Jesus is coming back and God only knows when (Matt 24:3-51). Speaking further, Jesus told three parables to illustrate: the parables of the ten virgins, the talents and the sheep and the goats, warning there'll be a long wait and we must be prepared and not grow weary (Matt 25:1-46).

Those categorised as goats on the left in the third parable were clearly horrified and quick to protest when Jesus claimed they left him hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick or in prison (Matt 25:44-45). When we're in a position to be a blessing, do we resist? The writer of Hebrews said we must take care of strangers because they may be ministering angels come to visit (Heb 13:2; Gen 18:1-2; 19:1; Jdg 13:3-21).

The three parables have something else in common. A time will come when we will all give account at the Miphkad Gate or the Gate of Inspection (Neh 3:31). Towards the end of Paul's life, he gave account of himself, assured there's a crown waiting for him and for us (2 Tim 4:7-8). Jesus did too (Jn 17:4) and the scriptures told us God knows our works (Rev 2:1-2). Does your "**fruit**" show you're God's child (Matt 7:15-20)?

We can see the Christian journey represented in these gates. From the Sheep Gate or the gate of salvation (Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5), the Fish Gate of provision (Psa 23:1-6), the City Gate or the marketplaces (Jn 17:15), the Valley Gate or the gate of challenges where decisions may be consequential (Joel 3:14), the Fountain Gate or the gate of abundance (Jer 2:4-16; Jn 10:10), the Water Gate or the gate of flourishing (Psa 1:1-3), the Horse Gate or the gate of warfare (Ecc 3:8), where the anointed king stands in the place of authority (2 Chr 23:8-15), and finally, the East and the Miphkad Gates.

Bottom line:

Jesus stands at the door and knocks (Rev 3:20). Will you let him in? Do you believe he will return as he has promised? There may be challenges and we may feel it's taking long. Even so, we must persevere because we will one day come to the gates of the return of the King and of inspection. There we'll be inspected and required to give account of our deeds.

RCCG Bethel Parish

Pillar of truth ... defining the future today