

# Welcome

Welcome!!!

If you are a guest with us today, we are so thrilled you could join us. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and welcome you to meet and speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team after the service.

- Trust your children to the care of our dedicated staff. Our children's programme provides quality care and teaching for all children during the service (after praise and worship):
  - Lively Learners → 3-5 yrs (except 1st Sunday of the month)
  - Bright Believers → 6-9 yrs (except 1st Sunday of the month)
  - Faith Fighters → 10-12 yrs (except 1st Sunday of the month)
- ◆ A crèche room is available for parents with babies and toddlers aged 0-2 years old to use during the service/meetings when required/needed.
- Light refreshments are provided after the service.



#### **MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

Prayer Meeting on 'ooVoo' each morning from 6am to 6.30am.

**WEDNESDAY** at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building **7pm-8pm** Midweek Service.

**SATURDAY** at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building Praise & Worship Team Practice (times TBC).

SUNDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

10am Set up for Service / All Workers Corporate Prayer Time

11am-1pm Celebration Service

(first Sunday of the month is a Family/Communion/Thanksgiving Service)

**1:15pm-2pm** First Steps Bible Studies Class (for new/recent believers)

**CELL GROUP** (small groups) meetings are held at various venues during the week, for more details email us at <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>, telephone 020 8355 6776 or speak to any of the leaders after the service. Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

# Upcoming Events

# **MPACT MEN'S BREAKFAST**

"Building strong and lasting relationships
& leaving a legacy for the next generation"

# **Saturday 8th April**

10am - 1pm

@ Rehoboth Building

with guest Pastor Fava Neka

Contact Chris Martin or Peter Una for more information mpact@wordoflife-lcc.org







## THE TOMB IS EMPTY

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know - Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and fore-knowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it." (Acts 2:22-24)

The whole foundation of the Christian faith is hinged on the death and resurrection of Jesus. This truth can be found in Paul's statement in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:17,

"And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"

The empty tomb signifies the resurrection of Jesus, the fact that Jesus died and rose again. This means those of us who have repented and believed in Him, have been forgiven and our sins have been washed away.

The four gospels describe the events surrounding the discovery of the empty tomb in Mathew 28:1-6, Mark 16:1-7, Luke 24:1-12 and John 20:1-12. These writers all attest to the fact that the women went there on the Easter morning and found the tomb empty. What is so interesting about this discovery is the fact that when Jesus was buried in this tomb, we are told that a large stone had been rolled to guard the tomb so that the disciples will not steal His body. Additionally, guards had been placed outside the tomb.

"Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid." (Mark 15:46-47)

These women observed where Jesus was laid, so they knew where to go. Very early Sunday morning, first day of the week they went back to the place wondering who will roll the stone away to enable them anoint the body of Jesus, they found the stone had been rolled away and the tomb empty. Mark 16:4, Luke 24:2 and John 20:1. What could this mean? In the minds of these women, Jesus' body had been stolen.

"But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." (John20:11-15)

Mary did not realise that Jesus has been raised from the dead as God had promised in His word in Psalm 16:10

"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."

The word Sheol could mean either the grave or hell. As prophesied by King David, God by His spirit raised Christ from the dead. Jesus now reveals Himself to Mary. The Bible tells us that Jesus also revealed Himself not just to Mary but to the other disciples and many more saw Him.

Luke 24:34 - Saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

Mathew 28:9-10 - "And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Many sceptics have tried to ridicule the resurrection truth. Even the Sanhedrin paid the guards to lie that the disciples had come in the night to steal the body. How could that be? When the guards watching knew they face a death penalty if that happened. How could mere fishermen overpower these guards who were trained for combat and had weapons? Even if they had overpowered the guards how was the stone rolled away? We find the answer in scripture in Mathew 28:2 "And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it."

It is said that a historian named Michael Grant; a sceptic of the resurrection wrote and said "..... if we apply the same sort of criteria that we would apply to any other ancient literary sources, then the evidence is firm and plausible enough to necessitate the conclusion that the tomb was indeed found empty"

In conclusion, it is not what a historian says that makes the truth of the empty tomb central to our faith. The truth is that tomb was found empty because death could not hold down the giver of life Himself.

The transforming power of God is made manifest in our lives, those of us who have put our trust in Jesus Christ the anointed one, we know beyond every reasonable doubt, that because He lives we shall live and reign with Him also. We know that His promises are true because of His resurrection.

There is victory for the Church, because Christ is risen and the tomb is empty. Paul writing to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 15:54-55 says "...When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come to pass: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

Someday, I don't know when but other tombs will be empty, because death has been defeated, there would be no weeping, no more tears. We the Church will rise up victorious to meet with Him in the air and those living on this earth who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour will also rise to meet with Him.

The tomb was found empty because Jesus proved to be who He said He is, the only begotten of the father who takes away the sins of the world. The One who has power over death and sin.

The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. Jesus lives!



# >>>>> Youth Arena

Each month we look at questions you as a young person, or your friends might ask.

## Question:

Is there really a hell?

### Answer:



The Bible tells us there is a heaven and a hell. Your life may seem really long now but time flies past quickly as you get older. Many people don't like to think about a heaven or a hell because they want to enjoy their life now and not worry about what may happen in the future. But Jesus spoke about hell and about heaven. He spoke about a judgement that will happen at the end of time. This will be like a big courtroom where everyone will be completely fairly judged by God. People will be divided very simply into two sides - those who have been made right with God (heaven) and those who haven't (hell). It's quite scary to think about this but it's no myth. This is very real and serious. You never know when your end may come. It may come suddenly. It's important at any age to think about the life that Jesus can give you right now because of all he's done for you. But also when you think about living with God forever in a perfect world, it also gives your life meaning and value every day and then beyond.

The Bible makes it very clear that hell is a real place. It makes sense just practically. There is good and there is evil. If you believe there is a heaven, there must be a hell. Many people deny that hell is real, but if you look at what the Bible says, it speaks of hell as a place that really exists.

In Mark 9:43-49, Jesus tells people to cut off their hand rather than sin and to 'go to hell, where the fire never goes out.' He's not actually suggesting people cut off their hands (!) but showing how important it is not to encourage young ones to sin against God. In fact, Jesus states three times that there is a hell. Where things are repeated, they are significant. There is no question in the mind of Jesus that hell is a real place. He even quotes what the prophet Isaiah spoke hundreds of years before Jesus was born about hell, "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched."

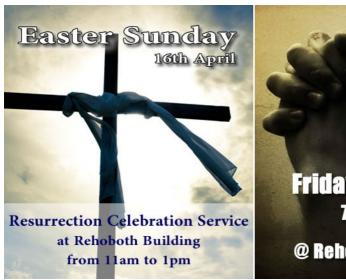
Matthew 25.31-33 makes it very clear that one day Jesus will return to the earth and he will judge people for what they have done. On one side will be those who have rejected him; on the other side will be people who have believed in Jesus and obeyed him. In Matthew 25.46 Jesus says, "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal

*life."* The Greek word (the language this was originally written in) for 'eternal' is the same in both parts of the verse. Since we know that Christians keeping the faith will have everlasting life (John 10:28), it is therefore true that those who don't believe will have everlasting punishment.

In Revelation 20:15, John says that anyone whose name is not in the 'book of life' is "thrown into the lake of fire". The 'book of life' that Revelation talks about is simply a record of those who have believed in Jesus.

This truth should make you think about your life and the fact that one day we will all be judged. If you have heard the message of Jesus, don't reject him. He longs for you to be with him in heaven.

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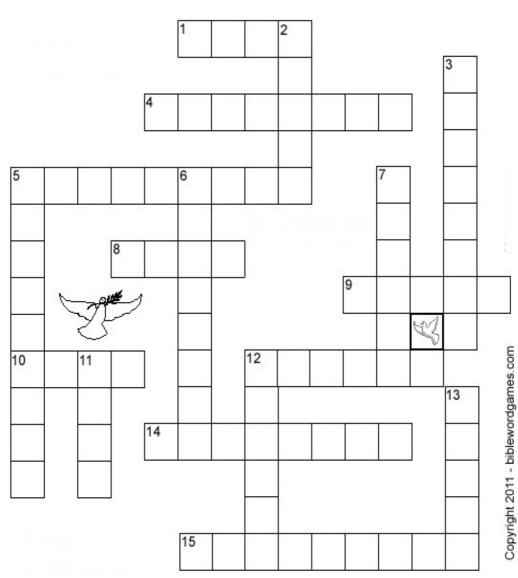






# **Kids Corner**

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out completed crossword and give to your cell leader for your chance to win a DVD.

# Scriptures Of The Month

## Matthew 27: 27-54

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. 28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head, 31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. 32 Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross. 33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull, 34 they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink. 35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. 36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. 37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. 39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." 41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, 42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God." 44 Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing. 45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" 47 Some of those who stood there, when they heard that, said, "This Man is calling for Elijah!" 48 Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. 49 The rest said, "Let Him alone: let us see if Elijah will come to save Him." 50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. 54 So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

## John 20: 1-18

"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple. whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." 3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. 4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. 5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. 11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God." 18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her."

# **Church News**



## Change of calendar dates:

Please kindly note the following change of dates in your diary. Thank you.

- 1. The WOL Summer / Beach Outing will now take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August (place and time to be confirmed)
- 2. The Community Sports and Fun Day Extravaganza will now take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August (Summer Bank Holiday Weekend)



## **Rehoboth Building Refurbishment:**

We are looking to start refurbishment works on the building soon, and want to encourage everyone to partner in the remedial works and refurbishment of Rehoboth building through prayer, and by giving to the Church's Project Fund.

We have a separate bank account specially set aside for these donations. Giving is easy, quick and secure. You can give online via Paythru, by bank transfer or by cheque by simply following the steps below:

- 1. Online Donations through the church's website by visiting <a href="http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/donations/building-project">http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/donations/building-project</a>.
- 2. Bank Transfer Donations. Please use the details below for online bank transfers:

Nat West Bank – Cheltenham Branch Account No – 14543605

Sort Code - 60 05 16

Please ensure you use the reference "Word of Life" or "85ODC CK453".

- 3. Cheque Donations. To give by cheque, please make cheques payable to "Word of Life Church" and enclose a note (if posting) with your cheque to notify us that your gift is for the Project Fund.
- 4. Recurring Donations. You can download our project fund standing order form to allow you to give monthly by visiting the church's website on <a href="http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/donations/building-project">http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/donations/building-project</a>

Once filled in and signed, send it to: The Administrator, Word of Life Church, 72A Mayeswood Road London SE12 9RP.

5. By using a Project Fund envelope during the church services for your gift, and putting in the offering baskets.

Thank you for your support!



## **FWM Ladies Mentoring Programme:**

Ladies, this is introducing to you the Word of Life, Fresh Women's Ministry Ladies Mentoring Programme. This pro-

gramme has at its heart a vision to see women mentored on a one to one basis, so they are developed into godly women after God's heart, fulfilling His plan, purpose and destiny for their lives.

It is modelled after the Naomi and Ruth relationship in the Bible and open to all ladies in Word of Life Church who wish to participate in it.

Guidelines and a simple application form are available to be completed by those who want a mentor assigned to them. Please ask your cell leader or the stewards for a copy today, complete and return to us.

Based on availability, a mentor will be assigned to each lady (mentee) who seeks to be mentored. The programme will run as a year's long programme and mentoring meetings will take place once a month at agreed times and venues for a total of 12 months.

At the end of the 12 months the formal mentoring programme will finish, but the informal relationship can continue.

The Mentoring programme will seek to minister and bring development to the full man (woman) – Spirit, Soul, Body with particular attention to developing the Spirit man through the Word of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit. IT WILL SEEK TO HELP EACH LADY GET ON THE PATH OF BECOMING THE WOMAN GOD DESTINED TO BE IN THIS LIFE, AND ACTUALLY FULFIL GOD'S PURPOSE, HIGH CALLING AND DESTINY FOR THEIR LIFE.



## **CAP Debt Centre Opening in 2017:**

Crowd fund Lewisham is a new way to raise money for projects that benefit local communities in Lewisham.

Lewisham Council has a £100,000 pot to support projects that ac-

tively promote community involvement and social inclusion. They are looking for projects that offer new, innovative ways of working with the community, not just business as usual. Eligible projects could be anything from community activities, to working with vulnerable adults, or arts and sports related initiatives that bring people of all ages and abilities together.

### How it works

First we need to show we have got support from the Crowd to unlock extra funding from Lewisham Council. If our project fits the bill and we reach 15% of our funding target, Lewisham Council could pledge a further 65% of up to a maximum pledge of £10,000.

We are crowdfunding to help raise £3,000 for starting costs for the CAP Debt Centre. Please spread the word far and near to others amongst your network that can support us.

To support, they can visit:

http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/cap-debt-centre-lewisham.



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of April and congratulations to all celebrating anniversaries this month!

#### **TESTIMONIES**

Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly. Please speak to one of the leaders before the services if you have a testimony or complete a testimony form, write it out, or email us if you will like to share your testimony.

#### WATER BAPTISMS

If you have not been baptised in water since you gave your life to Jesus Christ we want to encourage you to do so. The next opportunity to be baptised is on Sunday 30th April at the 2.30pm service in Kensington Temple. Please speak with your cell leader or any of the leaders if you will like to be baptised on that day.

#### **DEDICATIONS**

If you will like to dedicate your baby or child to the Lord, we are able to do this on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and where applicable 5th Sundays of the month. Dedication forms are available from the Church Administrator.

# SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES

CDs of the Sunday preaching / teaching messages are available for sale each Sunday after the service at a price of £2.00 per copy.

#### **PARENTS**



We ask parents to please kindly avoid giving / letting their children use mobile phones, consoles, IPads etc in the church services. We will also appreciate your help in making sure they do not play on the platform, altar area nor run around the church building. We want them as

much as possible to participate fully in the service – through prayer, worship and hearing the Word of God.

If you are a church worker, please do come early at 10am and your young children will be looked after before the service, while you help prepare for the service and participate in the pre-service prayer time.

# **More Dates For The Diary**

- \* There will be a **Leaders Meeting** on Sunday 9th April after the service.
- \* There will be no **Married Couples Fellowship** meeting this month as it falls on Easter Sunday.
- \* The **Single Young Adults Fellowship** (SYA) event takes place on Saturday 22nd April in Thamesmead (address details are available on request).
- \* SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:
  - > 8th April Men's open cell at Grove Park led by Pastor Bayo Oyeniyi
  - > 15th April No cell SOS Evangelism due to Unlimited Praise event
  - > 22nd April Men's open cell at Blackheath / Kidbrooke led by Bro Peter Unachukwu
  - > 29th April Men's leadership cell at Thamesmead led by Pastor Rowland Henshaw

#### BUILDING/ENVIRONMENT MAINTENANCE

We continue to ask for your support and co-operation with the following:

- Your help in keeping the building tidy and clean. If you use any of the rooms or facilities, please do clear up after you and leave it in an excellent state.
  - Not bringing Food or Drinks into the main hall (only water is allowed if required).
  - Ensuring the longevity of the church's equipment by refraining from using / handling any of the technical equipment and worship instruments after services (except where necessary).
  - Maintaining a good rapport with our neighbours and keeping our Christian witness by the way you park around Rehoboth building. Please continue to park properly in the right places stated and avoid blocking entry paths to homes. Please refer to the map on the notice board in the foyer and kindly avoid parking in the areas marked red. Thank you.
  - Keeping noise levels down outside when arriving at, or departing from the building.
- Parents, keeping an eye on children at all times, making sure they do not run around within and outside the building. Thank you.
  - Avoiding unnecessary movement once the service has started. This helps minimise distractions especially when the Word of God is being preached.

Together we can continue to create a good environment that is welcoming for all and is conducive to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Thank you.

#### WORD OF LIFE MISSION STATEMENT

# "London and the world for Christ!"

## A church with purpose ...

To be a God-centred church, developing people to Christ-like maturity and equipping them for their ministry in the church, and life mission in the world.





#### ... and vision

To impact Lewisham with the gospel of Christ in word and action, and to touch London and the nations of the world.

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do all that I have commanded you.



Matthew 28:19-20

#### WOL TEAM

Senior Pastor / Minister in Charge Rowland Henshaw

Pastors / Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw Denis Oyibo Bayo Oyeniyi

Ministry Leaders

Hilary Carnihan - Children Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Lisa Martin - Consolidation

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

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