

Word of Life Church

bulletin

FEBRUARY 2017

LET YOUR

Kingdom
Come

Matthew 6:10

2017
OUR YEAR OF FRUITFULNESS
Chosen to Bear Fruit 

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.

◆ Weekly Events

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.

FRIDAY (fortnightly) at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building

7pm-8.30pm Youth Night.

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 info@wordoflife-lcc.org, 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

central to everything the Gospels announce about the kingdom, and the kingdom is central to everything Jesus teaches.

In teaching that the kingdom had arrived, had come, had begun, was among people and was a present reality, Jesus also taught – in Matthew 11:11-12; Luke 7:28 & 16:16 – that some violence was associated with the arrival of the kingdom.

This does not mean that the kingdom was being established by physical violence. Rather, Jesus was pointing out the hostility of the world to the kingdom. John had already suffered and been imprisoned, and Jesus was warning those who would accept his rule that they must expect hostility – not just in the future, but also in the present.

THE FUTURE KINGDOM

As well as teaching that the kingdom had come, Jesus also taught that the kingdom was “not yet”. For example, in Matthew 5:1-10, many of the kingdom benefits are set in the future. Although “the blessed” already possess the kingdom, there is something still to come in the future – comfort, inheritance, mercy and so on.

Jesus’ prayer in Matthew 6:10 is also both present and future. If the kingdom had fully come, we would not need to pray for it to come.

In Matthew 7:21-22, Jesus refers to a future day of reckoning when he is speaking about entering the kingdom. It is much the same in Matthew 8:11 & Luke 13:28-29.

Throughout Jesus’ ministry, he looked forward to a day when the kingdom would come. We can see this in Matthew 13:42-43; 16:27-28; 20:21; 26:29; Mark 9:1; 10:37; 14:25 & Luke 22:18.

As we study and examine God’s rule, we must always keep these two elements in mind. The kingdom is both “now” and “not yet”. We can experience God’s rule now but we also look forward to knowing it in the future. There is much for us now, but there is more still to come.

This means that we should work to establish God’s kingdom now, yet we should work knowing that the kingdom will not be fully established until some future date.

Too many believers focus on either the present or the future. Some are pre-occupied with serving God on earth, yet lack the hope and joy which comes from looking to the coming kingdom. Others are so pre-occupied with ‘the last day’ that they do not establish the kingdom around them on earth. A true understanding and application of the kingdom embraces both the present and the future – as Christ did.

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



Question:

Why should I believe in God?

Answer:

I have a neighbour near where I live. He has everything, or so it seems! He has four cars, a boat, a wife, a good job, two daughters with well paid jobs abroad, each has a rich boyfriend. He's in good health and is well off. So why does he need God? You may be asking the same question!

There are three things to think about... First of all, you were built by God to be in a friendship with him - everyone has a 'God shaped hole' in their heart whether they believe it or not! (See the Bible, Ecclesiastes 3.11). Second, God offers everyone the opportunity to live with him forever in heaven - a place so incredible that words cannot describe it. It is a place where there will be no wrong, no death, no evil, no crying, no fear, no disease - only what is incredible, good and awesome (see Revelation chapter 21). Thirdly, God promised that he would give you life to the fullness in this world (see the Bible John chapter 10 verse 10).

There are many voices around us today in the world that will try and convince you that God is not real. But they cannot prove this. Science cannot disprove God, nor can man's thinking or things like archaeology (the study of ancient things found). In fact nearly every genuine archaeological thing found in places like Israel and the Middle East prove the existence of God - as evidenced by the words and findings of many people who don't believe in God, but aren't people who deliberately choose to reject God.

The Bible tells us that God has revealed himself to us in the Bible, in the creation around us which is beyond anything that mere chance could have

created. The 'chance' of the world having been formed 'accidentally' is way, way beyond what scientists technically call 'impossible'. There is no chance the world could have been created accidentally! God also has millions of people around the world who follow him and who live incredibly selfless lives to love and help others of all faiths, beliefs, colours and nations. These people are called 'the church' and it is the biggest investor in people, the greatest resource on earth and the biggest 'organisation' committed to seeing people's lives be transformed for good.

The Bible also tells us that God has put a conscience into mankind and breathed his breath into us. We are unique and are not animals! So God has done many things that show he's real. The Bible also has many prophecies (things people wrote down hundreds and thousands of years before) that have come true. The Bible has around 300 of these prophecies that were accurately fulfilled by Jesus (the fact that he would be born to a virgin - Mary; that he would be crucified; that he would have his bones broken; that men would gamble for his clothes; that he would rise from the dead; that he would go up into heaven; that he would be 'sold' for 30 pieces of silver and many more). The 'chance' of that happening is impossible too! But there are hundreds of other prophecies that have also happened. People go to fortune tellers, read their 'stars' in the paper and 'touch wood' but none of these mean anything.

Only the Bible is always true and the Bible is God's Written Word - it's his love letter (or his way of revealing who he is) to us. He is our Father, we are his children. He loves you so much he's even prepared to give you complete free choice to accept him or reject him. No other 'religion' is anything like this. Religion always makes you do, say and think things - even the world around us makes people think certain ways. But God gives you freedom and today he's calling out to you. Before I became a Christian, my life was full of 'stuff' but had no meaning. It is only with Jesus that my life has become really worthwhile.

Ask yourself - is this life all there really is?

**Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions*



Check out these blogs by WOL members:

Organised Lady - <http://organisedlady.wordpress.com>

True Soul Peace - <http://truesoulpeace.blogspot.co.uk>

Ultimate Intimacy Mentorship Program -

<http://uimprogram.blogspot.co.uk>

Free 2 Shine - <http://free2shine.net>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

greetings to all those born in the month of February 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. **Please check the February edition of the Revival Times for baptism service(s) this month.**

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.

NO food and drinks are allowed into the main auditorium in Rehoboth building please. Parents please explain and help your children to understand this.



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.

Thanks for your anticipated help with this.

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.





Congratulations to Sis Sonia Edwards on her recent 60th Birthday!!! We thank God for your life and pray that the Lord will continue to keep you and shower you with His goodness, grace and mercy. You have been such a pillar in Word of Life Church and we celebrate you on this wonderful milestone. To God be all the glory!!!

PROPOSED CAP DEBT CENTRE, GROVE PARK



Goal and Aim – Serving the Lewisham Borough, helping people out of debt and poverty

Every 20 minutes and 15 seconds, a property is repossessed. Today, there are people in our communities whose lives are being devastated as a result of debt. They may be struggling to feed their families, suicidal, depressed and alone. People in our communities who are skipping meals so their kids can eat and are on the verge of being evicted. CAP's service is changing thousands of lives like this every year.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national organisation specialising in debt counselling for people in financial difficulty, including those in need of bankruptcy or insolvency. It also provides Job Clubs for those seeking employment and Release Groups for people looking to overcome addictions and dependencies. In December 2011 CAP were granted their own Group Licence by the Office of Fair Trading alongside other leading debt counselling bodies, such as CAB and Advice UK

The organisation, a charity, works through a network of CAP Debt Centres all around the country that exist in partnership with a local Christian church. Individuals seeking the assistance of the charity give authority to the charity to negotiate with creditors, and the charity will then organise the individual's finances with the objective of making them debt free within 5 years. The caseworker will create a sustainable personal budget for clients, prioritising basic living needs and offering creditors fair, affordable pro-rata payments as far as this is possible. This service is offered at no cost to the individual.

Through the work of CAP Debt Centres many around the country have been delivered from the tyranny of debt and most importantly come to a personal relationship with Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

We plan to open a new CAP Debt Centre based in Rehoboth Building Grove Park to serve the Lewisham Borough community. Opening a new CAP Debt Centre incurs a significant cost including a minimum monthly donation of £600 towards the cost of the CAP centre, as well as the cost of hiring a CAP Debt Centre Manager - £8,000 to £10,000 per annum.

We believe God is leading us to do this and ask as a church that you please PRAY in faith to see this vision materialise. Thank you as you do so.

For more details of CAP, please visit <https://capuk.org/>.

More Dates For The Diary

- * **There will be no Leaders Meeting** on Sunday 12th February after the service.
- * The **Married Couples Fellowship** (MCF) meets on Sunday 19th February from 3pm to 5pm (venue TBC).
- * The **Single Young Adults Fellowship** (SYA) event takes place on Saturday 25th February in Thamesmead (address details are available on request).
- * **SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:**
 - 18th February – Ladies open cell at Bellingham and led by Sis Shelly-Ann Sydial
 - 25th February – Ladies leadership cell at Thamesmead and led by Pastor Folake Henshaw.

Scripture Of The Month

Matthew 6:9-15

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ‘For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses’”

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

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Hilary Carnihan - Children

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Peter Unachukwu - Men

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Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

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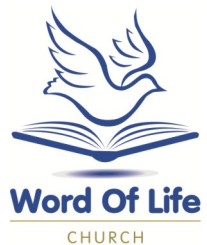
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