

# Word of Life Church

## bulletin

JANUARY 2017

John 15:15-16

**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)*

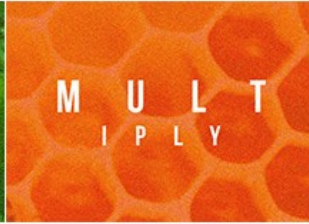
**1:15pm-2pm** First Steps Bible Studies Class *(for new/recent believers)*

**CELL GROUP** (small groups) meetings are held at various venues during the week, for more details email us at [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto: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

# Upcoming Events



## KTLC Annual Vision Week



A vision of fruitfulness for all!

**Wednesday 11th January 2017 – 7pm**

**Friday 13th January 2017 – 7pm**

**Saturday 14th January 2017 – 9am to 5pm**

**Venue: Kensington Temple**

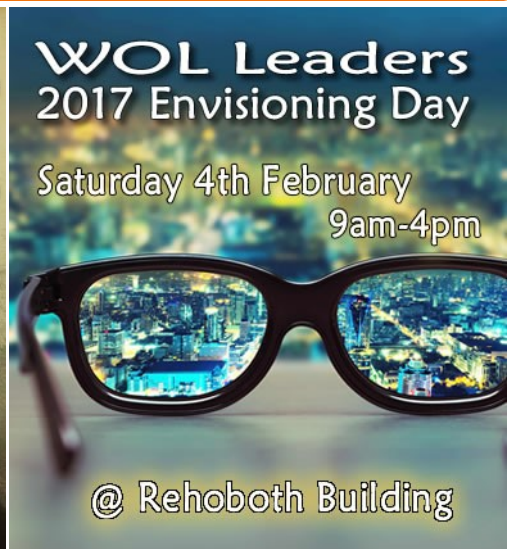
**Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3BY**

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped in prayer, with fingers pointing upwards. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**WOL  
PRAYER  
NIGHT**

**Friday 27th January  
7pm-10pm**

**@ Rehoboth Building**

A pair of black-rimmed glasses with a cityscape at night visible through the lenses. The background is a blurred cityscape.

**WOL Leaders  
2017 Envisioning Day**

**Saturday 4th February  
9am-4pm**

**@ Rehoboth Building**

## CHOSEN TO BEAR FRUIT

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw



Welcome to the year 2017, the year of fruitfulness.

As I have prayed and pondered in my spirit, I am convinced that this is a year of fruitfulness for us as a Church and as individuals.

As a Church we have over the years sown and watered through prayer, giving and the word. We have been a blessing to many in our own little way.

*Galatians 6: 7-10 "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."*

In John 15:16 Jesus says *"I chose you....."*

To be chosen is to be handpicked, to be selected from a number of possibilities, to be picked by preference or to be appointed. You were handpicked by Jesus, picked for a purpose and that purpose is to bear lasting fruit.

*"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."*

Every believer no matter how old, how young, how long you have been a Christian, has been appointed to bear lasting fruit.

Until this point Jesus' disciples were referred to as servants. Now He calls them friends. As servants there was no possibility of them bearing fruit because servants are told what to do. Servants had no closer relationships with their master. A friend has a closer relationship and knows what is going on, friends walk in fellowship and communion with one another. Jesus calls us friends so He can tell us what is on His heart as we walk in fellowship with Him. As friends He can tell us the secret to bearing fruit. We have been called into a fruit bearing relationship with Jesus.

*John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*

Jesus wants us to go and bear fruit, He sees in every believer the potential for fruit bearing. Some might bear a 100, 60 or 30 no matter how much fruit you bear. You carry the seed for fruitfulness. There is the seed for fruitfulness in every believer.



When God created man, He put the seed of fruitfulness in man, called "BLESSED".

Genesis 1:28 *"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it."*

Genesis 9:1 *"So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."*

Abraham was a man chosen by God, scripture says he was God's friend and was blessed by God. Genesis 12:2 *"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing."*

In Genesis 24:35 Abraham's servant said of his master ... *"The Lord has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great;"*

Unfruitfulness is the sign of a curse, when there is lack or sterility in place, that place or family is regarded as cursed but scripture tells us that we the chosen ones have been redeemed from the curse. Galatians 3:13-14. Christ has redeemed us from the curse and we are blessed. We have been blessed and no one can reverse it, Numbers 23:30.

God is glorified when we bear fruit; His joy is full when His children bear fruit.

This year 2017 and beyond God wants us to bear fruit.

Lasting fruit comes through death to self - John 12:24 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."*

Lasting fruit comes through love for one another and loving people, John 15:12 -13 *"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."*

Lasting Fruit comes through abiding in Him – John 15: 5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."*

God is calling His church to fruitfulness in every sphere of our lives. Fruit in soul winning, Fruit in our cells, Fruit in our walk with Him, Fruit in our ministry, Fruit in our businesses, Fruit in our jobs, Fruit in our homes, Fruit of influence in the community.

Lasting fruit is what brings joy to God. You have been chosen to bear fruit and the seed of fruitfulness dwells in you.

HE BLESSED MAN and said BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY.





important as Mohammed. So you can see there are huge differences between religions. When someone believes in Jesus the Bible tells us we are filled with the Holy Spirit (who is God). No other religion would say this.

You have to accept that Jesus is the only way to God and accept this free gift, or you can choose to reject it. But the God of the Bible is not the same as anyone else's god.

Actually, Jesus said that in the end times (by this he means the time after he went back to heaven) where many people would claim to be Jesus, many people would claim to be God. He also said there would be many false religions and false teachings. So with great respect to other beliefs, if you believe that Jesus is the truth, you have to accept that other ways to God are not the truth. Jesus said if you're not for him, you're against him. There is ultimately no middle ground.

So if the Bible is true that Jesus is the only way to God (which it is!) then Islam cannot be a way to God. Only Jesus is the way to God (as the sinless perfect Son of God), so no other road is possible. People of other faiths may well be genuinely looking for God through their faith, but the only way to God is through Jesus. Jesus is like the 'gate' to get into the house of God.

There is a false belief system around that says that everyone will be 'saved' - everyone will go to heaven basically. But this isn't found in the Bible and there are many Bible verses and chapters that show this to be untrue.

Galatians 3.22 confirms all this saying, "But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe."

Peter confirmed this truth in the Bible book of Acts (Chapter 4 verse 12), "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

In fact when we look back to the 'Old Testament' (first half of the Bible), we find that time and again, God said he was the only way to 'salvation' (a posh word for being made right with God). We see this in Isaiah 45 and in other chapters in Isaiah. God said there is no other way, no other God but him.

1 John 5.11-12 says this, 'And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.'

*\*Acknowledgements: Taken from Myfishbites – Big questions*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*greetings to all those born in the month of January 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 January 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.

**I chose  
you.**  
John 15:16



# Kids Corner

The **Bible** is truly a **miracle**. There are a total of 66 books, 39 in the Old **Testament** and 27 in the New Testament. The Bible was written by over 36 different people, and over a period of about 1,500 **years**. The authors came from many different backgrounds and professions. There were **fishermen, farmers, politicians, teachers, doctors, tentmakers** and even kings. It would be mathematically impossible for so many different people over so many years to write with such **harmony** and accuracy, if it were not for the **Holy Spirit**. God told these people what to write. The Bible is the **Word of God**.

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Find the words in bold letters

*For children aged 6 and over: Cut out and give to your cell leader for your chance to win the Action Bible "Guess-It Game".*

NAME: .....





# 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

Church Administrator

Audrey Oyibo

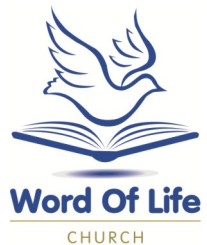
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