

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

bulletin

DECEMBER 2020



Jesus

And Jesus Alone

Philippians 2: 5 – 11

Colossians 1: 15 - 20

2020, Our Year of "Supernatural Harvest"
Key Scripture - Amos 9: 13



*2020 Our Year of
Supernatural
Harvest*

Amos 9: 13 (The Message version)

“Yes indeed, it won’t be long now.” GOD’S Decree. Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won’t be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills. I’ll make everything right again for my people”

2020, a year of supernatural harvest of souls. A year of restoration for the Church and a year where we will see those who were formerly antagonistic towards God becoming advocates for the kingdom of God. A year when the Lord will raise up and rebuild His Church. A year when the body of Christ will see a harvest of souls like it has never seen before. A year when the Church at large will prosper.

Be excited, be prepared, and be a part of this God adventure in 2020 and beyond!





Christmas greetings to you and your family! Praying that great joy, overwhelming peace and boundless love will be yours at this time, as we remember and celebrate the birth of our KING – JESUS.

Pastors Rowland & Folake Henshaw xx



.....WELCOME!.....

- **Welcome!!!** We are so thrilled you could engage with us. We hope you enjoy your interactions with us and welcome you to stay in touch with us via our website, email or phone. If you need to get in touch with us, ask a question, if you have a prayer request or if you need to speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team at anytime, please feel free to contact us: Email: info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone the church office on 07930958097 (Mon - Thu, 10am to 2pm). Please also check out our Website: www.wordoflife-lcc.org to stay up-to-date with our activities and useful information.
- Our Children's Church & Youth Cells are now taking place in the lower hall following a risk assessment and in accordance with government directives and Elim Youth & Children's Ministry guidance. A copy of the risk assessments will be available for you to view on the notice board downstairs. Children & youth will meet in the lower hall with the exception of the first Sunday of the month, which is our Family Sunday.
- For details of how children & youth can join in please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

Weekly / Fortnightly Events

Rehoboth building re-opens again for public worship on Wednesday 9th December 2020

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

Early Morning Prayer Meetings via video conferencing . Mondays to Saturdays from 6am to 7am - via Zoom Videoconferencing App

WEDNESDAY

7pm-8pm Midweek Service - at Rehoboth building

FRIDAY

7pm-8.30pm (weekly) Revival Prayer - via Zoom

SATURDAY

5pm-6pm (weekly) Dig Deep Search the Scriptures - via Zoom

SUNDAY

11:00am Celebration Service at Rehoboth building at 11am will be live-streamed on YouTube & Facebook

1:45pm After Service Chat Room - via Zoom

- **Youth Cell Grps** (boys & girls)- contact youth@wordoflife-lcc.org for details
- **Children's Church / Cell Group** (3-12 yrs) - contact kids@wordoflife-lcc.org

CELL GROUPS (small groups) meetings are held via Zoom during the week, for more details email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone the church office on 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thur, 10am to 2pm). Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

.....UPCOMING EVENTS.....



WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

CORPORATE

PRAYER & FASTING

1st - 14th December 2020

Consecrating our lives to the Lord as we prepare for the New Year

SOS Christmas Evangelism to Grove Park

We will be spreading the message of Jesus by giving out Christmas Cards to our neighbours in Grove Park (door-to-door / street-to-street)

Saturday 12th December

Time: 11am

We will meet at 11 am at Rehoboth building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP. Contact us by email: info@word-of-life-lcc.org



WOL MEMBERS DAY

Sunday 20th December

Time: 4pm - 6pm

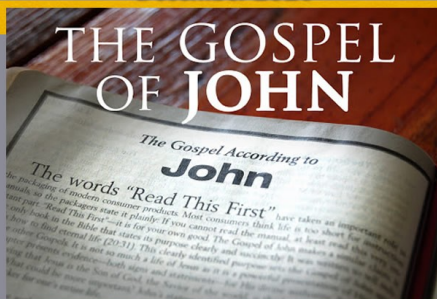
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Meeting ID: 314 492 8882

BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH

December 2020

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



This month please join with the rest of WOL Church to read, meditate, study & explore the book of John

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Word of Life Church

EARLY MORNING PRAYER



Online via Zoom Video Conferencing
Monday - Saturday from 6am - 7am

Zoom Meeting ID: 314 492 8882



You're Invited



Cell Groups

a place to connect with others...

Weekly meetings via Zoom



Email: info@wordoflife-lcc.org | Tel: 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thurs, 10am -2pm)

... UPCOMING EVENTS Continued ...



GROVE PARK EMERGENCY FOOD BANK PROJECT

For people of Grove Park and its environs struggling to put food on their table, or in financial crisis/hardship

Frequency:
Once a week from 15th May 2020

Day & Time:
Fridays, 12noon to 2pm

Location: Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, SE12 9RP (Community Resource Centre in the Lower Floor)

TO COLLECT FOOD ITEMS, PLEASE ATTEND WITH ONE FORM OF ID AND ONE PROOF OF ADDRESS.

Tel - 07930 958 097 (Monday - Thursday 10am - 2pm) | Email - info@wordoflife-lcc.org
Community Website: <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community>



REVIVAL Prayer Night

Fridays from 7-8:30pm

(apart from last Friday of the month which is the Church's monthly prayer meeting)

Online via Zoom Video Conferencing
Zoom Meeting ID: 314 492 8882

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DIG DEEP SEARCH THE *Scriptures* CLASS

Every Saturday
5 - 6pm

Online via Zoom Video Conferencing
Zoom Meeting ID: 314 492 8882

TESTIMONIES

Please send in your 'testimonies' of what the Lord has done in your lives or your families, by sending it in writing to info@wordoflife-lcc.org, or sending in a recorded video or audio, or sharing it with one of the leadership team.

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GIVING

TITHES & OFFERINGS

BANK TRANSFER - Lloyds TSB - Cheltenham High St Branch
Account Number - 03215544, Sort Code - 30 91 87

SMARTPHONE DONATIONS - Text CK453 to 64647

DONATE VIA OUR WEBSITE - www.wordoflife-lcc.org & click "Donate"

GIVT - Download the free GIVT app & select Word of Life Church (Lewisham)

AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON,
AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME

Jesus

FOR HE SHALL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS



MATTHEW 1:21

Christmas / New Year **SERVICES & EVENTS**

Christmas Service
Sunday 20th December - 11am

Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 23rd December - 7pm

New Year's Eve Service
Thursday 31st December - 9pm

Please note:

Regular Sunday Services will hold as normal during the Christmas period but there will be no Wednesday mid-week service on the 30th December 2020.

In addition, none of our other regular meetings / events will take place between 24th December 2020 and Saturday 2nd January 2021 (except for the New year's Eve Service on Thursday 31st December 2020)



..... CHURCH NEWS



◆ WORSHIP AT WORD OF LIFE CHURCH, REHOBOTH BUILDING WITH CONFIDENCE

We are delighted to share that we are able to welcome you WOL Church Family back to Rehoboth Building for our regular Sunday and Wednesday services.

We have guidelines that prioritize your safety and align with the government's and Elim directives, in keeping Rehoboth Building open. We encourage you to continue to embrace the changes and work with us as we continue to fellowship and worship the Lord. Rehoboth Building is open to the whole WOL family, the community and the general public for services.

Below are:

- (1) Actions the CHURCH is taking to ensure your safety.
- (2) Actions required of YOU to ensure our collective safety.

What We Are Doing

- (1) Enforcing the requirement of registration to attend church services.
- (2) Check-in upon arrival, to aid contact tracing
- (3) Cleaning of shared areas and surfaces
- (4) Significantly Adjusted Seating to promote Physical distancing.
- (5) Physical Distancing and other Signs and Stickers posted in and out of the building for your attention.
- (6) Slightly reduced length of singing time with a maximum of 2 singers and and1 instrumentalist at each service. Separate designated microphones are provided per each user (Singers and Speakers during each service)
- (7) Provision of individual packaged communion emblems for all
- (8) Personal Protective Equipment (disposable masks and gloves) provided for stewards
- (9) Hand Sanitiser stations placed at the Entry Point and Exit points. Hand sanitising is required for all upon entry and exit.
- (10) Still not able to join us in person due to having to self-isolate, sickness, old age or other reasons? Online services continue to hold.

What We Need from You

- (1) Please register all members in your family before attending in-person services and check-in at the check in point upon arrival. You will need to register via the church website at www.wordoflife-lcc.org for each service you wish to attend

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- (2) Please use the hand sanitisers provided when entering the building and when exiting.
- (3) The stewards are there to help. Please strictly follow their instructions for your safety and the safety of others
- (4) Family members are required to please sit together. Parents, please plan to keep young children with you at all times (except during the time they go to the lower hall for the Children's church and youth cell)
- (5) Handshaking and hugging are strongly not allowed
- (6) Please use the main front doors for entry and for exit. The stewards will be on hand to help and guide you
- (7) Please come with, and wear a mask during your time in Rehoboth Building. Children under 11 do not have to have face masks on.
- (8) Refreshments (food and drink) will not be distributed at this time
- (9) If you need a drink during the service, please kindly come in with a bottle of water. This is not to be shared with others.
- (10) Please choose ONLINE giving and other non-cash methods where possible. If unable to do this, you can still give cash in during the in-person services at Rehoboth Building
- (11) We appreciate your patience and co-operation as we continue to navigate this new season.

In this season, we encourage you to continue to prioritise safety, and to choose faith over fear. It is been an unprecedented time in history, so if you are feeling mentally drained, you are not alone. God is with you and will never leave you nor forsake you. We also encourage you to speak to someone about how you are feeling. Speak to your cell leader, or deputy cell leader, or one of the other Word of Life leaders. We love you and look forward to having you back in Word of Life Church Rehoboth Building in-person, if you haven't returned already!

◆ YOUR WELLBEING IS OUR CONCERN / BENEVOLENCE (CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER)

If you have any further concerns, please do let us know. Your safety and well-being are very important to us. If you require pastoral help or support, please do not stay silent, please let your cell leader or any of the leadership team know so we can offer support. In addition, if you are in need and require assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

◆ LEWISHAM CAP DEBT CENTRE

We are really pleased to announce the re-opening of the Lewisham CAP Debt Centre. Glory be to God.

There are now 2 newly appointed and trained managers and their names are Ruth Mulvenna and Mel Lee. They are from Grace Church Brockley and can be contacted by email at lewishamCAP@gmail.com



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Four (4) partner churches are now involved in running the centre, with one lead church. They are as follows:

1. Grace Church, Brockley (**CAP Centre Lead Church**)
2. Word of Life Church, Grove Park
3. St Peter's Church, Brockley
4. Brockley Community Church.

Our role as a Church will primarily be a support one, in prayer and with us providing volunteer befrienders to befriend and come alongside clients, as well as do some visits. There will be no longer be a financial contribution requirement for WOL.

If you will like to refer someone for the service please use email address above. A CAP contact number will be provided soon.

Please pray for the newly re-opened centre to prosper, the 2 managers and the befrienders. If you are interested in joining the group of befrienders, please contact the Church Office by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or call 07930 958 097 during office hours (Mon - Thur, 10am - 2pm).

◆ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - YOUTH MINISTRY!

The Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with the Chosen Generation Youth Hub in 2021. Please contact youth@wordoflife-lcc.org to speak to the youth leaders.

◆ GIVING TO WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

Thank you so much for your continuous and faithful giving of your tithes and offerings. May the Lord bless you abundantly, with your giving.

We encourage you to please continue to give and support financially the work of God here at Word of Life Church. With the giving of your tithes and offerings, you are enabling the church to continue to do the work of ministry and fulfil its financial obligations. Without you giving we are unable to.

We remember all those who are out of work at this time and seeking for employment or looking to start their own business. We pray that the Lord will guide you and grant your favour in Jesus name. We pray that He will open the doors for good employment and profitable business ventures for you in Jesus name

◆ GIVT

Word of Life Church now uses **Givt** as an additional way of giving tithes & offerings. Givt is an app that allows you to participate in the giving to the work of Word of Life Church anytime and anywhere. Whether you are watching the service from home, or have no cash with you during church service. With Givt you can just keep giving. Open the app, choose how much you want to give, choose how you want to give and you're done!

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Giving with Givt via a QR code



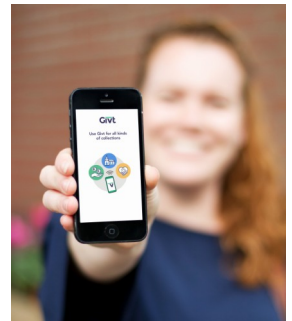
works as follows:



1. During the Offering time, open the Givt app, as usual
2. Choose the amount you want to give and press next
3. Then choose the second option in your screen: QR code (enter by means of a QR code)
4. Scan the QR code with your camera (Note! The app may request permission to access your camera. Press OK to continue)
5. Finally, press Next to complete the gift

Giving without a QR code or transmitter nearby? Please also follow the steps below for giving:

1. Open the app
 2. Choose the amount you want to give.
(Are there multiple collections in a service? No problem! To add a collection, press the plus key at add collection and enter the amount you want to give to the 2nd collection. Add another third collection? Then press the plus and choose your amount for the third collection.)
 3. Then choose the third option, give from the List
 4. Enter the name or place of your church in the search bar
 5. Select **Word of Life Church (Lewisham)** as the church you want to give to and tap on give at the bottom of your screen
 6. Finally, press Next to complete the gift.
- **The ease of giving-** with Give you are able to give with **one smooth gesture** and you decide how much you want to give. Easy and fast, you're in control.
 - **Giving is anonymous-** A donation with Givt cannot be traced back to a person by our church. Word of Life Church receives the total amount donated in its bank account and not as separate donations. This means that giving with Givt is just as anonymous as giving cash.
 - **Gift Aid with the flick of a switch-** Adding Gift Aid to your donations is so simple and doesn't involve extensive paperwork. After you enter your details the first time, you **simply switch on Gift Aid** in the app, and that's it. Now Gift Aid is enabled for Word of Life Church. Hassle-free Gift Aid, which is better for everyone!



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- **Free & one-time registration** - Givt can be downloaded **for free** on the App Store and on Google Play. Create a user account by entering your information just **once**.
- **No internet connection required**- when using the Givt app, you don't need an active internet connection at the time of giving. At a later time, for example when you're at home and using WiFi, your donation will be sent. No action required by you.

You download the Givt app from Google Play or the App Store. For more information about Givt, visit www.givtapp.net

◆ Easy Fundraising

DONATE FOR FREE WITH EASYFUNDRAISING! You can help WOL Church raise funds **for free** when you shop online... at Easyfundraising.org.uk. **Easy fundraising** is a brilliant way to raise money for **Word of Life**. **Shop online from over 2,700 retailers and they'll give a donation every time you buy something, at no extra cost to you. YES, it is true!** So, as we prepare to enter the Christmas season and you do your shopping, we are highlighting this as a fantastic way to give in a way that it actually costs you nothing!

Here's how it works



1. Start at easyfundraising.org.uk

Let's say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to johnlewis.com, you go to easyfundraising.org.uk first – or you can use the easy fundraising toolbar.



2. Make a purchase

You click from the easyfundraising website through to John Lewis to make your purchase. The price of the shoes is exactly the same as if you'd visited John Lewis directly.



3. Get a donation

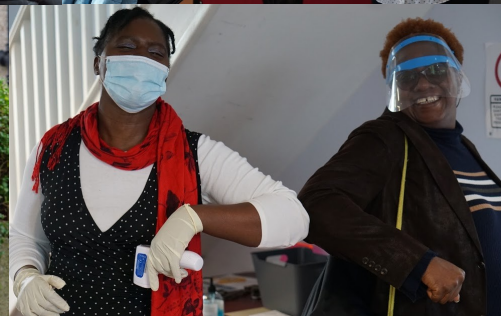
After you have bought your shoes, John Lewis will make a donation to our cause as a thank you for shopping with them. easyfundraising collect these donations for us, and it costs nothing!

For more details & to donate please go to this link: http://wordoflife-icc.org/site/index.php/donations/easy-fundraising. If you have any questions or need any help to access it, please email info@wordoflife-icc.org.

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SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

Philippians 2: 5 - 11 (NKJV)

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Colossians 1: 15 - 20 (NKJV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence. ¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

...CHRISTMAS MESSAGES...

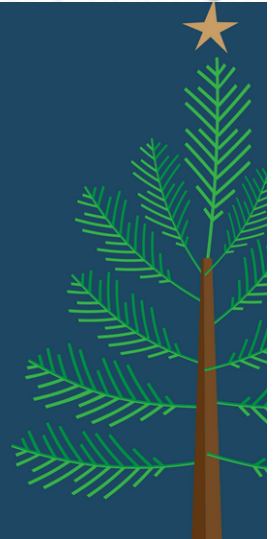


May the joy and peace
that were present at the birth of Christ
be present in your home this season.

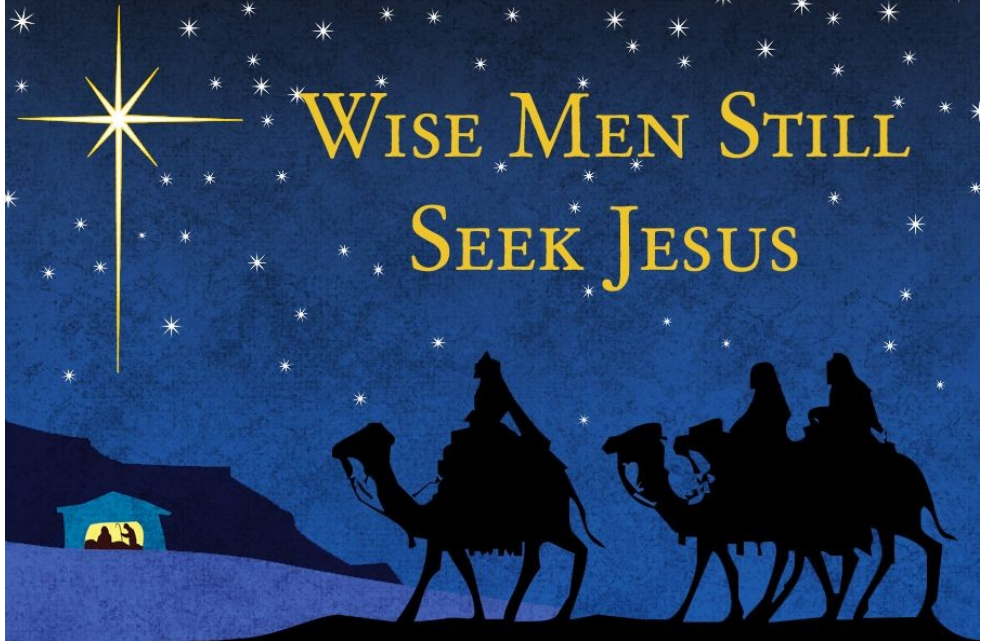
Merry Christmas



The real reason
for the season
remains – and His
name is Jesus.



...CHRISTMAS MESSAGES...



.. PRAYER & FASTING DIARY ..

WOL PRAYER AND FASTING DIARY

1st to 14th December 2020

THEME: SANCTIFICATION AND CONSECRATION FOR TOMORROW (2021)

Joshua 3:5

Then Joshua told the people, "Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you."

1 Thessalonians 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is Sanctification?

Sanctification is to separate ourselves for God. To be separated of all contamination, of all evil, of all sin to please God. It means to purify oneself. As we approach 2021, we want to sanctify ourselves, and consecrate our lives to Him as we look for God's wonders in 2021.

Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

What is Consecration?

Consecration refers to the act of setting yourself aside unto God. To "consecrate" yourself essentially means to wholly dedicate yourself to God.

PRAYER TOPICS

Tuesday 1/12/2020

2 Thessalonians 2:13

Let us thank the father, for sending His Holy Spirit to us in Jesus name. Let us pray that the Lord will fill us afresh with the power of His spirit in Jesus name.

Wednesday 2/12/2020

Colossians 3:5, Galatians 2:20

Today let us pray that the Lord, will heal every wounded part of our lives, through the power of the holy spirit. That He will help us to subdue every fleshly manifestation of sin in our bodies by the power of His spirit. Let us pray that starting from today the Lord will help us re-align our lives and set us on the right track by the help of His holy spirit.

PRAYER & FASTING DIARY Continued

Thursday 3/12/2020

Acts 2:1-5, Leviticus 6:12-13

Today pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit will come afresh upon our lives and that the fire of God will never depart from us. Pray for passion for the things. Declare this today and say "O Lord, by the help of your spirit, let my life reflect the life of God, Lord, kindle in me the fire of love through the help of the holy spirit in Jesus name", Holy Spirit, I want to be connected to you forever, please purify my life". Today let us cry out to God for the Fire of the Holy Spirit to purify our lives in Jesus name.

Friday 4/12/2020

1 Corinthians 1:2-3, Ephesians 2:10

Today pray that the Holy Spirit will enrich you with His gifts because you have been called by the Lord into His vine yard. Pray for the grace of God to enable you fulfil the call of God upon your life. Pray that in 2021 you will fulfil your high calling in Jesus name. Declare today that you have created for good works and that in 2021 there will be a manifestation of God's good work in your life.

Saturday 5/12/2020

Ephesians 4:22 – 24, John 11:44, Luke 11:21-22

Today pray against every oppression, barrier, every thing of the past that is holding you back from running the race set before you.

Today decree that every oppressive spirit upon your life and your family to be removed in the name of Jesus. Pray that all multiple strongmen operating against your life be destroyed, in the name of Jesus.

Sunday 6/12/2020

Luke 24:31, Isaiah 32:3, Ephesians 1:18

Today let us pray that the Lord will open our eyes and ears to receive wondrous things from Him. Pray that God will grant His Church insight into the bigger plans of God for 2021. That we will not be ignorant of God's plans and purpose for 2021 in Jesus name. That like the sons of Issachar will know the seasons that we are in.

Monday 7/12/2020

Jeremiah 20:9-10, Matthew 3:11-12, Exodus 3:2-6

Let us pray that today the Lord will grant us victory over temptation and satanic device and that the Lord will ignite our spiritual lives so that we will stop fishing in unprofitable waters.

Pray that the Lord will release His tongue of fire upon my life and burn away all spiritual filthiness encroaching our lives.

PRAYER & FASTING DIARY Continued

Tuesday 8/12/2020

Mathew 5:6, 1 Peter 2:2, Isaiah 55:1

Pray that you will create a hunger and thirst for righteousness in your life, in the name of Jesus. Pray for God's grace upon your life to bring you to a place of an insatiable hunger and thirst for Him and His Word.

Wednesday 9/12/2020

Colossians 3:23-24, Matthew 7:4-5, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Ask the Lord to help you to be ready to do His work without expecting any recognition from others. Ask the Lord to give you victory over emphasizing the weaknesses and sins of other people while ignoring yours.

Thursday 10/12/2020

1 Corinthians 2:4-5, Colossians 2:6-7, 2 Corinthians 5:7

Today let us pray that God will give us depth and root in our faith. That we will not walk or act by what we see but we will walk by faith and faith only.

Pray that we will be rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as we were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness in Jesus.

Friday 11/12/2020

Psalms 139:23, Psalm 51:10

Ask the Lord to search you today and see if there is anything anxiety, fear, wickedness in your heart. Pray the Lord to create in you a clean heart and purify you by His power. Pray that the Lord will renew a right spirit within you.

Saturday 12/12/2020

Luke 4:18, 1 John 2:27, John 7:37-39

Pray that the Lord will anoint His church with power of the Holy Spirit to break every yoke, chains and bars of restrictions and barriers to the move of God in 2021. Pray that the Word of God will be fulfilled in His Church in 2021 and beyond. Pray that living waters will flow from within us as a Church.

Sunday 13/12/2020

Galatians 5:22-24, Galatians 2:20, John 12:24

O Lord please teach us to die to self and live for you. O Lord please help us to be led by your spirit on a daily basis and not fulfil our desires and passion but live for you and you only.

Monday 14/12/2020

Acts 1:4-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Peter 1:15-16

Declare today that in 2021 and beyond that the Lord will ignite you with His fire. Declare that the Lord will anoint you with the spirit of intercession for the lost to pray without ceasing. Declare that the Lord will establish you as a holy person unto Himself and establish your home, your family and that what ever you lay your hands to do shall prosper.

EXHORTATION

JESUS AND JESUS ALONE

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

Acts 4:8-12

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

This scripture gives a clarity as to the role and pre-eminence of Jesus.

Peter made it clear to the Sanhedrin that they were not the ones who healed this man but Jesus.

They made it clear that it is only Jesus and Jesus alone who can save.

Jesus is the saviour of the world.

A quote that has really blessed me in these last few days says.

I am not.... Smart enough, rich enough, attractive enough, strong/tall/thin enough.

Good enough, successful enough, talented enough, assertive enough, successful enough, likeable enough.

The author goes on to say this...

Although the fear of not being enough has crippling effects on individuals, those damaging consequences cannot begin to match the devastation that occurs when Christians begin to believe the lie that Jesus Christ is not enough.

When Paul wrote to the Colossians Church, he was addressing this issue with the Church. They did not deny the existence of Jesus but they had demoted Jesus from pre-eminence and had paid attention to the numerous false teachings that were going round.

The 21st Century Church has also unwittingly demoted Jesus in their services, Songs, and preaching and given pre-eminence to everything else but Jesus.

For many Christians today Jesus is not enough, it is so subtle that we have missed, many men of God have taken the place of Jesus, you find some Christians are quick to refer you to their favourite man of God or their Church or their Church pastor.

Paul now writes to the Colossians Church

Colossians 1:15-23

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and

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invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

He tells the Church that Jesus

1. HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Two things to take in here.

Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

God said to Moses in Exodus 33:20 *"You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."*

Jesus tells His disciples

In John 14:8-10

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." 9 Jesus replied, "Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on My own. Instead, it is the Father dwelling in Me, performing His works...."

Jesus was a representation of the external form of God, Moses could not see the face of God and no human could see God and live. So, God veiled in Himself in human flesh, with the full intensity of God's glory hidden within the veil of Jesus human form. Can you imagine if Jesus had removed the veil of His flesh to reveal to us His full glory, we all would have been consumed.

In John 17:5 Jesus said this

5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

The next thing you see in that same verse says the *firstborn over all creation.*

The does not mean that Jesus was the first created being, because Jesus was before all things but this privilege Jesus has received as an obedient son.

2. BY HIM ALL THINGS ARE CREATED

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

There is not a single thing on this planet that was not created through Him.

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Jesus is the only living Word, the Word that spoke the planet into existence, it is that Word through whom the whole universe was formed the word became flesh & dwelt amongst us. Scripture says and the **Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us.**

Hebrews 1:2

2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

3. HE IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.

Jesus says in **Matthew 16:18**

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Jesus is the head of the Church. The church has only one head and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church has no human head but a divine head.

He forgives sins

He heals

He reconciles and loves the Church and died for her.

He is the Shepherd of the sheep.

Every other person should defer to Him and Him alone.

He alone should take pre-eminence

In Him all things consist

4. IN HIM ALL THE FULLNESS DWELLS.

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

There are many today who do not believe that Jesus is God. There those who believe that Jesus never died on the Cross that there was a substitute, there are those who believe that Christ is one of many spirits.

But Paul was making it clear to the Church at Colosse that Jesus Christ was the complete embodiment of God.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;

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John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

5. THE RECONCILER

20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight

Jesus is the reconciler; He is the one who has reconciled us to God. We were aliens on our way to hell, we had all messed up, sinned against God.

Isaiah 53:10-11

*Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;
He has put Him to grief.*

*When You make His soul an offering for sin,
He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,
And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.
11 He shall see the labour of His soul, and be satisfied.*

*By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.*

John 3:17

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Jesus restored peace between us and God by bearing my sin and yours on the cross to bring salvation and reconcile us back to God.

The penalty of our sin was death

When we grasp this truth, we will realise that when we come to Jesus we should continue in the faith. If we continue to grasp the truth of who Jesus is, we will not be hoodwinked or duped by false prophets and teachers who draw attention to themselves.

Instead of killing ourselves over what to buy this Christmas let us remember that when we come to Christ, we are expected to be rooted in Him.

Be true ambassadors of Christ.

It is all about Jesus

.....GOD LOVES YOU.....

God Loves YOU and wants you to have a relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

The Bible says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life (John 3: 16).

The first step to know more of God is to obey His Word and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, by simply repenting of your sins and believing that Jesus has died on the cross and paid the price for you to be reconciled to God for ever. By doing that, you will receive a new life, the very life of God, within you, and you will become a child of God. If you want to make that step, please see below. These will explain to you more about it. Don't put it off, God has been waiting for you... Today is the day! God bless you.

GOD LOVES YOU!!!

step 1

GOD's Purpose: Peace and life God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life: abundant and eternal.

*"we have peace with GOD through our Lord JESUS CHRIST."
(Romans 5:1)*

*"I have come that they may have life in abundance."
(John 10:10)*



*"for GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SON, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16)*

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

step 2

The Problem: Our Separation God created us in his own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey him. God gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own wilful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

*"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD."
(Romans 3:23)*

*"for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life in CHRIST JESUS, our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)*

Our attempts to reach GOD People have tried many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God...



*"there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death."
(Proverbs 14:12)*

*"but your iniquities have separated you from your GOD; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."
(Isaiah 59:2)*

No bridge reaches GOD... except one...

step 3

GOD's Bridge: The Cross Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

*"for Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to GOD."
(1 Peter 3:18)*

*"for there is one GOD and one mediator between GOD and men, that man JESUS CHRIST."
(1 Timothy 2:5)*

*"but GOD demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, CHRIST died for us."
(Romans 5:8)*



**GOD has provided the only way.
Each person must make a choice!**

step 4

Our Response: Receive CHRIST We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive him by personal invitation.

*"yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of GOD."
(John 1:12)*

*"here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."
(Revelation 3:20)*

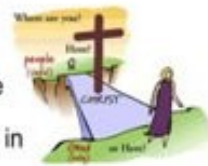
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)*

Where are you?

Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that JESUS CHRIST died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite JESUS CHRIST to come in and control your life through the HOLY SPIRIT (receive him as Lord and Saviour).



GOD LOVES YOU !

NOTICES

Happy Birthday Greetings
to all those born in the
month of **DECEMBER** and
Congratulations to all
celebrating **Anniversaries**
this month!



TESTIMONIES



Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly.

Please email your written or video recorded testimony to info@wordoflife-lcc.org We look forward to hearing from you and sharing God's goodness

WATER BAPTISM

This is cancelled until further notice.



DEDICATIONS

If you will like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or ringing 07930 958 097 .



SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



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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.



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