



December 2024 Edition



Transforming Lives, Fulfilling Destinies

2024, Our Year of Living in His Presence



Exodus 33: 14 -15

Acts 1: 4 - 5

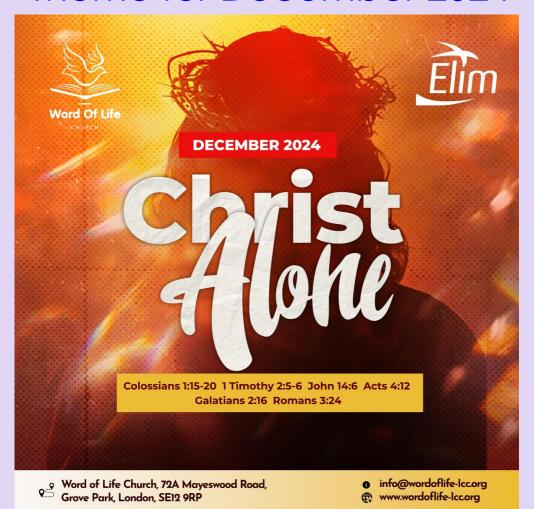
Acts 4: 13 - 14

John 15: 5

2 Corinthians 3: 17

Psalm 16: 11

Theme for December 2024



Christ Alone
Colossians 1:15-20
1 Timothy 2:5-6
John 14:6
Romans 3:24

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Welcome

We welcome you to the December Edition of the WOL Times. We are excited to bring this edition to you and pray that you will find it a blessing and a useful tool. We will love to her from you, your feedback, your testimonies, your suggestions. Please feel free to send them to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

If you are visiting one of our church services or attending any of our events, WELCOME!!! We are so thrilled you could join and engage with us. We hope you are blessed and will love for you to stay in touch with us by visiting us again or via our website, email or phone.

To get in touch with us, ask a question, get some more information, put in a a prayer request, or speak with any of Our Team, please contact us via Email at info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone our Church office on 0208 857 7406 and 07930 958 097 Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm.

To stay up to date with our activities, events and useful information, please check out our website: www.wordoflife-lcc.org.



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!!!)

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?

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...

God Loves You

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!



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

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

"yet to all who received "here I am! I stand at "that if you confess the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and from the dead, you he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Where are you? Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

Admit your need (I am a sinner).

2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).

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).





First Word

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

In today's Christianity, we have unwittingly replaced Jesus Christ, the Son of David with our idols.

Yet Jesus said in John 16:13-14 said

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.



He will glorify ME; He will glorify Jesus and Jesus alone.

Today as I look around, I see how much the focus has shifted from Christ Jesus to everything else but Him. Men of God, seminars, Prayer summits, conferences, worship leaders and our favourite songs have all taken pre-eminence.

Colossians 1:17-18

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.

Scripture tells us that -

- He is before all things.
- In Him ALL Things CONSISTS.
- He is the head of the Church.
- ◆ That in ALL THINGS HE may have pre-eminence.

The choice of giving Him pre-eminence lies with us, unfortunately in the 21st century we have given pre-eminence to everything else but Him.

First Word

God sent His Holy Spirit not to glorify men but to glorify Christ and Christ

alone. "That in all things He may have the pre-eminence".

It is up to us to let Christ have the pre-eminence.

Paul puts it this way in the book of 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Three important statements Paul made in this passage were

- 1. His determination not to know anything except Jesus Christ and Him Crucified- Paul had a great testimony, yet he was determined to preach only Christ and His crucifixion.
- 2. Paul had a choice to boast of his qualifications, yet he did not boast or display his knowledge of the scripture but to preach Christ in humility.
- 3. His speech was not to entice or draw people to himself but direct them to Christ.

THERE IS NO OTHER NAME Acts 4:12

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."

No man is saved by music, it might attract them to Jesus Christ, but Christ is our salvation, He is the gospel of God. Just inviting people to hear your favourite preacher or to your Church is not the gospel, it is good to invite them, but we must always remember that it is to Jesus Christ we are inviting them and not to a denomination. The gospel is Christ Jesus.

First Word

Romans1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Today people come to the house of God, they leave unsatisfied and unfulfilled, still hungry for more, they go from one meeting to another, looking for more of God yet we continue to present them with another Christ. Paul' goes on to say this in

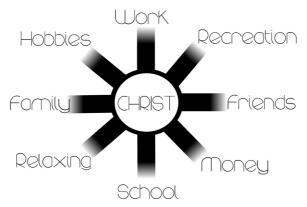
2 Corinthians 11: 3-4.

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the [a]simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

As we are at the end of the year 2024, let us bring Jesus Christ back to the centre stage.

John 14: 6 Jesus puts it this way I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the father except by me.

This is why we must make Him the centre of everything we do, preach and teach not how good our church or our Pastor is. In 2025, we must let Christ take pre-eminence.



Gallery









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Celebration Service



We would be honoured to have you join us for a very special Sunday service on Sunday 15th December! Come experience a time of inspiration, reflection, and community as we gather, **Our theme for the month of December 2024 is "Christ Alone"**

Whether you're a long-time member or a first-time guest, there's a place for you here! We can't wait to worship together, enjoy a meaningful message, and grow in faith as a community.

Our guest Minister, Rev Kojo Wood is the Senior Pastor, Stevenage Elim Church International in Hertfordshire and has been a member of the Elim National Leadership Team since 2022. He is happily married with 3 grown up children. Trained in The USA and The UK as Finance Expert with Education and Leadership Capacity Building Portfolio. He aims to contribute to promoting good leadership and governance in the corporate, education and religious sectors through public speaking engagements, lecturing, coaching and mentoring. He has since February 2008 taken on full responsibility of Church Leadership and now more focused on preaching and undertaking work of Christian ministry in the UK and around the world.

Bring your family and friends – all are welcome!

Regular Events

Monday to Saturday

6am – 7am (daily) Early Morning Prayer Meetings via Zoom, Monday to Saturday

Wednesday

7pm – 8pm (weekly) Midweek Power Service **Friday**

12noon – 2pm (weekly) Foodbank & Community Resource Centre in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building

7pm – 8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth (CGY) Hub in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building. **The CGY Hub is a relaxed and safe space for the youth to engage in games**, **learn life skills**, **socialise and connect with one another**.

7pm – 8.30pm (weekly) Revival Prayer Meeting in the Main Hall Rehoboth building

5pm – 6pm (weekly) Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Interactive Bible Study) via Zoom

Sunday

11.00am Celebration Service at Rehoboth Building (Livestream on YouTube & Facebook)

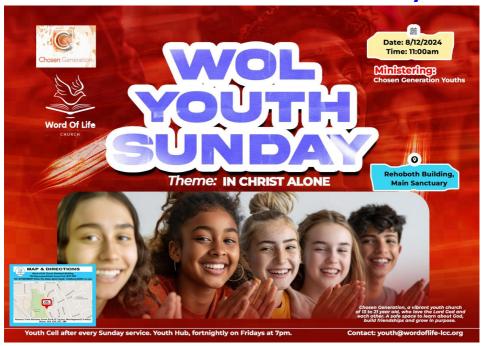
After Praise and Worship – Children's Church (3 – 12 years)

1.00pm Youth Cell (small) Groups (boys and girls aged 13 onwards) **Weekly Cell Groups (small groups)**

Meetings are held via zoom or in person once a week on various weekdays. All our cell groups are homogenous in nature so you can feel at ease. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

Children and Youth

Our Children and Youth programmes take place in the lower hall on Sundays. The children meet in the lower hall immediately after the time of corporate praise and worship except for the first Sunday of the month, which is our family Sunday and some other special services. The youth also meet in the lower hall every Sunday immediately after the service for their cell groups where they can explore the message further and ask questions.



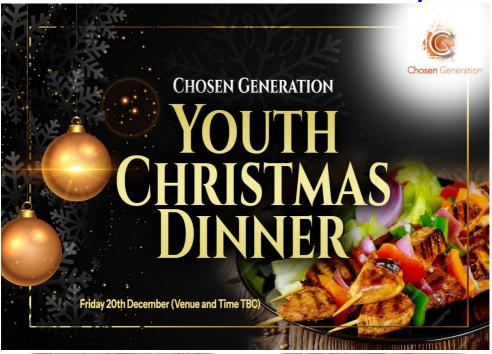






Office hours: Mon- Tue (10:00am- 4:00pm); Wed- Fri (10:00am - 2:00pm)

Contact: info@wordoflife-lcc.org; 07930 958097





WOL CHURCH REHOBOTH BUILDING IN THE LOWER HALL
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
FROM 8:00AM - 12:00PM









WOL MEMBERS DAY

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2024 REHOBOTH BUILDING

MAIN SANCTUARY
AFTER THE SERVICE

This is a day of reporting to the church of all that has happened during the year and giving a financial report



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

ARE YOU NEW TO WORD OF LIFE CHURCH?

Welcome to Word of Life Church! We are so glad you have chosen to visit and be part of our services. If you have any questions will like to know more about the Church, receive pastoral help, or explore how you can connect and be involved in the life of the Church, please come speak with any of the team or send us an email at in-fo@wordoflife-lcc.org. Someone will respond to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please continue to contact the office when needed by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or sending a message to 0793 0958097

SAFEGUARDING

Word of Life Church is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all with whom we connect. We take safeguarding extremely seriously and are committed to being a community where everyone finds safety, love and flourishing. A copy of our safeguarding policy is available upon request.

For any safeguarding concerns, involving children or vulnerable adults please email <u>safeguarding@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>.

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

If you have any concerns, please do let us know. Your well-being is especially important to us. If you require prayer or pastoral help / counseling or support, please do not stay silent, please let your cell leader, any of the leadership team or the church board member representatives (Brother Sylbourne Sydial and Sister Serena Manly-Spain) know, so we can offer prayer and support. Please do not isolate yourself, speak with someone. In addition, if you are in in need and require practical

assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to <u>info@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>

LIVESTREAM / RECORDINGS

Our church services are Live-streamed / recorded and pictures are also taken during some services and events by our media team. Please contact us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS PROJECT 2024

In the spirit of giving and helping those who need it, we as a church are looking this year again to be a blessing to our community / borough by giving out Christmas hampers to the needy and poor, not forgetting those in our midst that might need that help too.

Each hamper will have everything that an average family of 4 requires for a lovely Christmas meal. We are looking to include a good-sized turkey, gravy, potatoes, carrots, sprouts, cranberry sauce, mince pies OR Christmas pudding and custard, and a bottle of sparkling non-alcoholic wine.

This year our target is £1,500. This will help cover the cost of 50 Christmas hampers which will potentially help feed over 200 individuals at Christmas and also put the gospel message in their hands. A Christmas gift of £30 will help purchase a Christmas Hamper for a family of 4 to 5.

To do this we need your support in giving towards this initiative. That is why we are coming to ask you to give a Christmas present to a family this Christmas.

- We will be thrilled if each one gives (no amount is too small or too big), and also help raise funds so we can meet the target.
 With each individual and family giving and helping to raise funds, we can do this.
- 2. If the Lord has blessed you financially and you have the means, why not consider help us by giving a large amount that means we can possibly increase the numbers of hampers from 50 to 75. In past years we have given out 100

God bless you all as you give.

Note: You can give through cash, using the giving envelopes from the Ushers and do mark it as Christmas hampers 2024 or by bank transfer

to; Account Name - ECKT Word of Life Church

Account No - 03215544

Sort Code - 30 91 87 (Reference to be used is Christmas Hamper 2024)

AN OPPORTUNITY AND A CALL TO SERVE

This year we are inviting every member of WOL to give your time, strength, commitment, gifts, and talents to serve the Lord here in Word of Life Church. Your Church needs your service in many areas of ministry. We are particularly looking for more children's workers and stewards / ushers immediately. You are also very welcome to serve in other areas that you believe the Lord has called you to with your gifts and talents. We believe that every Christian is called to serve by Jesus so please get in touch with us by emailing info@wordoflife-lcc.org or speak with your cell leader or deputy cell leader and complete one of our volunteer worker's form. Please do not sit on your gifts and talents this year. We look forward to hearing from you.

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HOUSEKEEPING / BEING MINDFUL OF GOD'S HOUSE- REHOBOTH BUILD-ING

Mobiles - We encourage every congregational member to **please switch off mobile phones during the service** as we concentrate on worshipping God and hearing His Word and the voice of the Holy Spirit. Kindly please avoid texting, calling, responding to messages, watching, or scrolling through your mobile phone or the internet while the service is going on. We do understand that in exceptional / rare cases there might be an emergency but on the whole let's focus on the Lord

and give due reverence and honour to Him during our time of Worship.

Children - We would like to remind parents and guardians to please keep their eyes out for their children and the young ones while in the church premises. Let's join to help keep them safe and stop them from coming to any kind of harm.

For any safeguarding concerns, involving children or vulnerable adults please email safeguarding@wordoflife-lcc.org

Personal Belongings - Please keep your personal belongings with you while in the building premises. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Rehoboth Building - We would like to ask everyone to please be mindful and intentional about caring for, looking after, and keeping clean and tidy, the house of the Lord. **Please avoid bringing food (including sweets, cakes, biscuits, crisps etc) or drinks (except water) into the main sanctuary or leaving any litter behind.**

Fire Doors - Please keep this closed at all times.

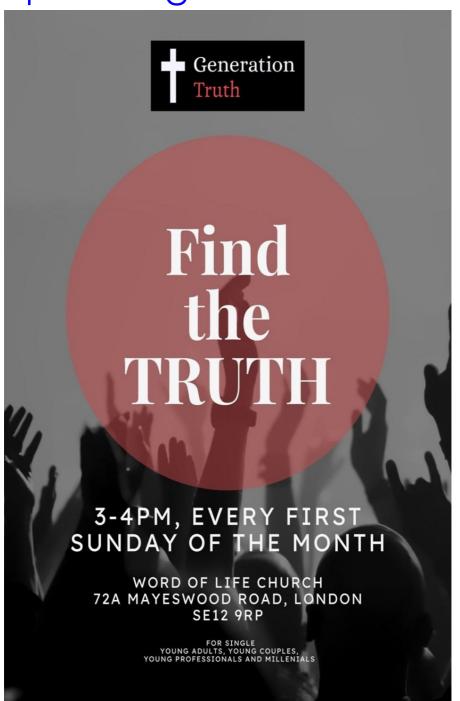
Let us all join to do this. We also ask that you please be mindful of the carpets in the building, and especially in the main sanctuary. Let us please keep it clean as much as we can by using the mats as we come into the building. Thank you for your help with this.

We want to be good stewards of the resources God provides us in this House, so we ask that everyone please help with avoiding wastage of any of the church's resources.

Please kindly refrain from taking away items designated for the use of all. Thank you for your help with this.

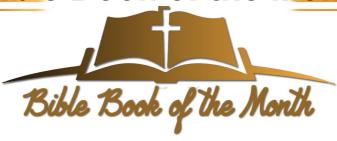
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Bible Book of the Month



THE ROOK OF HAGGAI

This month, let's join to read, meditate, study, and explore the book of HAGGAI

FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (INCLUDING WARM WELCOME SPACE)

A Warm Welcome Food Parcels Games

Online Access for Job Search Sign Posting

Private Space for Reflection & Prayer

Networking & Discussions

WHEN: FRIDAYS

TIME: 12:00 NOON - 2:00PM

VENUE: Word of Life Church, Lower Floor, Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP



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Notices

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



GIVING (Tithes & Offerings)

- CASH put in an envelope (available from the ushers), mark it as 'Christmas Hampers' & place cash/envelope in the basket
- BANK TRANSFER Lloyds Bank- Account#- 03215544, Sort Code- 30 91 87, Account Name: ECKT Word of Life Church
- GIVT APP—Download the free app & select Word of Life Church (Lewisham)



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

If you will like to be baptised, please speak with your cell leader or email the Church office at

admin@wordoflife-lcc.org.



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.

Dedications are usually held 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays of the month.

SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



Messages are currently available to watch/listen by visiting our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf
Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/wollcc
Spotify Podcast: (Word of Life Church LCC) https://open.spotify.com/show/4tWTW5KRIvYcVeifF9LPZy?si=a8d2f806ac454534

WOL Mission Statement

'Transforming Lives, Fulfilling Destinies'



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 the Borough of 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)

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