

# Word of Life Church

## bulletin

JANUARY 2018

**DIGGING DEEPER**  
*& Launching Out Into The Deep*

Matthew 13:44–46, Luke 5:4

# 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*)
  - Chosen Generation Youth → 13 onwards (*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/Fortnightly Events - - - -

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting via video conferencing each morning from 6am to 6.30am.

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

**FRIDAY** at WOL Church lower ground hall, Rehoboth building  
7pm-8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub

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

**SUNDAY** at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building  
10.15am Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Disciples Class)  
10.45am 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 groups to cater for all.

# Upcoming Events - - - - -

Kensington Temple London City Church

## Annual Vision Week

@ Kensington Temple, Notting Hill Gate



WORSHIP • PRAYER • TESTIMONIES • VISION

# PRAYER AND HOLY SPIRIT REFRESHING WEEK

Tuesday 9th January to Friday 12th January - 7pm  
Saturday 13th January - 9am to 1pm



### *Married Couples Fellowship*

Sunday 21st January 2018,  
3pm to 5pm

@ Pastors Rowland and Folake's  
Residence

## WOL Leaders 2018 Envisioning Day

Saturday 27th January  
9am-4pm



@ Rehoboth Building

## DIG DEEPER AND LAUNCH INTO THE DEEP

By Rev. Rowland Henshaw

Welcome to a brand new glorious year, 2018.

This year God's desire for us as a Church is to dig deeper into Him, His Word, His will, and a living and dynamic relationship with the precious Holy Spirit.

The Lord is our treasure and pearl of great price that we have to go after this year at all costs.

Matthew 13: 44 - 46

*"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."*

There is a purpose for the Lord calling us to dig deeper this year. One, so that we will come to know Him like we have never done for ourselves. Two, so that following that we can launch out into the deep as He commands us to so we can reap a mighty awesome harvest.

Luke 5:1-7

*So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.*

*When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

*But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless, at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*



The scripture tells us there were two boats on the shore, but Jesus chose Peter's boat. I have always wondered why Peter's. He is the God of one person at a time. It is also really important to note that the Bible did not say anything about Jesus asking Peter for permission to use his boat.



*Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.*

1. He did not ask Peter about what had happened the night before or how he felt.

2. Jesus saw the need, required a boat and stepped into Peter's boat. Peter had no say in what Jesus was about to do.

3. Peter did not challenge Jesus. He simply obeyed and responded to Jesus' request.

4. Peter did not try to dissuade Jesus or complain about his lack of success the night before.

This year the same way Jesus required Peter's boat for the Kingdom's business, so also He requires you and what is yours because He wants you to launch out into the deep for a net breaking harvest. Will you make yourself and all that belongs to you available to Him?

Jesus stepped into Peter's boat not oblivious of Peter's lack of catch or oblivious of Peter's feelings. Jesus knew Peter's frustration.

However God's Word to us today is found in the gospel of Mathew 6:31-32.

*"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things."*

God knows your needs. He knows your challenges. What is it that you are going through that He does know? Jesus is concerned about everything you are facing today. He is concerned about your circumstances. He is concerned about your situation. He is concerned about you and your family. Be rest assured He is in full control. Scripture says in Psalm 138:8 *"The Lord will perfect everything that concerns me."*

All He needs is you, your time, your possessions, your life and your all. He wants to first bring you into an intimate knowledge of who He is, His will, the inheritance He has for you, and His plans for your life, and then use you in extraordinary ways.

Jesus needed Peter's boat because there were people who needed to hear His Word. There were people who wanted to hear His message and He needed a platform. Peter's fishing career had to take a back seat. Can what you have become Jesus' platform of salvation, healing, restoration, deliverance, provision?

Can your life and all that is yours become Jesus' platform to spread the good news? Can your ambition take a back seat so Jesus can be heard and people be introduced to all the Kingdom of God has to offer? Can your desires be laid on the altar so that your life can a vehicle of unimaginable blessing to others?

An interesting scripture for is found in Acts 16:6-9 in which Paul's ministry was

subjected to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

*“Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.”*

Scripture says that Paul tried to go into Bithynia, but The Spirit did not allow them. He had to succumb to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Give room to the Holy Spirit this year to lead and guide you. Don't lead yourself, let the Holy Spirit lead you.

You may like Peter have toiled all night, prayed all night, gave your all and now you are tired. Jesus is giving you a life line and His instructions to you in 2018 is, **“Launch into the deep”**.

There are many reasons why you may not want to launch into the deep this year. It could be fear, it could be your comfort zone or disappointments. However when you hear His voice because you have given Him your time and attention, you will like Peter launch into the deep. Peter caught what He had toiled for all night, all because he allowed Jesus to direct his affairs. He allowed Jesus to speak into his situation, and despite his fears and doubts he obeyed.

I dare you in 2018 to go beyond the norm, dig deeper and launch in to the deep. Dig into the Word. Search the Scriptures. Allow the Holy Spirit to direct you. Spend time in thanksgiving, praise and worship. Become a prayer giant. Desire to grow spiritually this year. Give attention to the voice of the Good Shepherd, hear His voice and then launch into deep at His command. God is saying to us in 2018 to think big, to remove any limitation, to go away from the norm.

William Carey who was a missionary to India and translated the English Bible into Urdu, said this, **“Undertake great things for God and He will do great things.”** Two of our biggest fears are failure and criticism. Unfortunately, we can never overcome these fears if we do not take action. This is the time to step out of our comfort zones. Your comfort zone will lead to stagnation and stagnation is a breeding ground for frustration, depression, and anger.

In Jesus name in 2018 as you launch out following His command, your life will not be the same again. Just as from that moment, Peter's life was never the same again

So, people of God, your mandate this year is to DIG DEEPER and to LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP. Go ahead and obey, He is with you all the way. If God be for you who can be against you?

## HONOURING OUR PARENTS

### Ephesians 6: 2-3

*“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”*



Honoring your father and mother is being respectful in word and action and having an inward attitude of esteem for their position. The Greek word for honor means “to revere, prize, and value.” Honor is giving respect not only for merit but also for rank. For example, you may disagree with the British Prime Minister’s decision, but you should still respect her position as leader of our country Britain.

Similarly, children of all ages (young and old) should honor their parents, regardless of whether or not their parents “deserve” honor. There is immense blessing in honouring our parents based on God’s Word.

### How can we practically go about honouring our parents?

1. By respecting them – Showing them respect with our words, attitudes and actions. Proverbs 13: 1, Proverbs 30: 17, Romans 13: 7
2. By forgiving them – forgiving them when they offend or hurt us
3. By staying in touch /contact with them as much as is possible. Talking to, and communicating with them – Maintaining contact with them through visits, telephone, messages etc
4. By praying for them – remembering them in our prayers on a regular basis.
5. By speaking well of them to others – not dishonouring them by putting them down with our words
6. By esteeming them publicly and privately – Proverbs 23:22, Philippians 2: 3
7. By seeking godly wisdom from them and listening to their instruction that is in line with God’s Word and Will – Proverbs 13: 1, Proverbs 1: 8 - 9
8. By taking care of, and supporting them – Making sure they are taken care of especially in old age. Mathew 15: 3, 1Timothy 5:8

## ◆ **Bye-bye:**

At the end of this month we say bye-bye to The Oyibo family (Pastor Denis, Audrey and children). We are very grateful and thankful for their lives and their many years of service to the Lord and to WOL Church. We pray that the Lord will bless them in this new season and lead them further into His will and purpose for their lives.

## ◆ **Job Vacancy:**

We have an exciting opportunity for an experienced Administrator to join the WOL Team on a Part time paid basis, as WOL Church Administrator. We are looking for someone who is a self starter with an eye for detail, hardworking, committed and dedicated to the vision of WOL, full of initiative and passion, a good communicator, with IT skills and able to work flexibly.

Reporting to a member of the WOL Senior Leadership Team, whilst working closely with the Pastors and Ministry Leaders.

The individual's main duties will include:

- Designing and printing monthly bulletin
- Designing and printing flyers, posters, banners, forms, cards, badges, calendar etc.. as needed
- Website/Face book design and management,
- Sundays audio-visual notices
- Database update
- Dealing with expenses claims & church payments (writing cheques, keeping a record of monies spent)
- Ordering stationery / church equipment,
- Drafting and replying letters as needed
- Sending visitors cards
- Sending church/visitors emails
- Events organisation liaising with events coordinator and ministry leaders
- Rehoboth building usage management
- Dealing with enquiries, liaising with outside bodies
- General administrative support as needed: printing, photocopies, file sorting....

Actual part time hours will be agreed based on experience. Training will be provided as required.

If you feel you are up to this challenge and are willing to join the WOL Team, **please email your CV with a covering letter** to



[info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org) **by 14th January 2018 at the latest.** Shortlist and Interview is tentatively planned for between 15th and 21st January 2018.

## ◆ **Volunteers Needed:**

The Youth Ministry urgently needs volunteers to help with the Chosen Generation Youth Hub on alternative Fridays. If able to help, please speak with any of the youth ministry team or email at [youth@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:youth@wordoflife-lcc.org).

The Children's Ministry is also looking for volunteers to help with a manned crèche for children aged 0 – 3 on Sundays. This will be on a rota basis. If interested please speak with any of the youth ministry team or email at [kids@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:kids@wordoflife-lcc.org) or [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org).

# Scriptures Of The Month - - -

## **Mathew 13: 44-46**

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## 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 speak with your cell leader or any of the leaders if you will like to be baptised.**

## DEDICATIONS

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



## SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES

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

## PARENTS



We ask parents to please kindly avoid giving / letting their children use mobile phones, consoles, iPads etc in the church services. We will also appreciate your help in making sure they do not play on the platform, altar area nor run around the church building. We want them as much as possible to participate fully in the service – through prayer, worship and hearing the Word of God.

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

# More Dates For The Diary - - -

- \* **Children's Ministry Meeting** after the Sunday service on Sunday 21st January.
- \* **Married Couples Fellowship (MCF)** – Sunday 21st January, 3pm to 5pm at Pastors Rowland and Folake's Residence.
- \* **SOS Cell Evangelism Outreach:**
  - 6th January 2018 – Men's Open Cell Group at Grove Park
  - 13th January 2018 – No SOS Cell Group Evangelism due to KTLCC Vision Week
  - 20th January 2018 – Ladies Open Cell Group at Grove Park (Mondays)
  - 27th January 2018 – No SOS Cell Group Evangelism due to WOL Leaders Envisioning Day

## BUILDING/ENVIRONMENT MAINTENANCE

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

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

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

# WORD OF LIFE MISSION STATEMENT

*"London and the world for Christ!"*

## **A church with purpose ...**

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



## **... and vision**

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

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

*Matthew 28:19-20*



## **WOL TEAM**

Senior Pastor / Minister in Charge

Rowland Henshaw

Pastors / Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw

Denis Oyibo

Bayo Oyeniya

Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Phoenicia Oyeniya - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

Church Administrator

Audrey Oyibo

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Officer

Hilary Carnihan

WOL Board: Member Representatives

Rotimi Adejumo

Barbara Agbudeloye



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CHURCH

A network church of  
Kensington Temple  
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