

# WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

bulletin

JANUARY 2019



## Taking A Stance

**Philippians 1: 27**

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

*2019, Our Year of "Taking A Stance"*

*Key Scripture - Philippians 1: 27*

# ..... 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 team. During the Sunday Services, our Children's Team & Youth Team provide quality care & teaching for your children in the lower floor. Your children are invited to join our Children's Church Service & Cell groups for children aged 3–12 & Youth Cell group for young people from the age of 13, as follows: (**except 1st Sunday of the month**):
  - Lively Learners → 3–5 years
  - Bright Believers & Faith Fighters → 6–9 years & 10–12 years
  - Chosen Generation Youth → 13 years onwards
- 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, downstairs in the lower floor.

## 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 GROUPS** (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 0208 857 7406 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.....



## KT Annual Vision Week

*A time of worship, prayer, testimony, encouragement and envisioning to prepare you for the year ahead*

**Tuesday 22nd January  
to  
Saturday 26th January 2019**

Venue:  
**KENSINGTON TEMPLE**  
Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3BY

## Water Baptism

Sunday, 27th January 2019

at 2:30 pm

(Baptism candidates to be there from 1.30pm).

at Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road,  
Notting Hill Gate, London W11 3BY

**For a form, please contact the WOL Church Office / Administrator**



# UPCOMING EVENTS continued

## WOL Leaders Envisioning Day 2019



Saturday  
9th February 2019  
@ Rehoboth Building  
from 10am to 4pm



## MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- \* **WOL New Members Welcome Session** on Saturday 12th January 2019 at Rehoboth Building from 2.00pm
- \* **WOL Leaders Meeting** after the Sunday service on Sunday 13th January 2019
- \* **MPact Men's Ministry Prayer and Impartation Night** on Friday 18th January 2019 at Rehoboth Building from 7pm to 9pm
- \* **Children's Ministry Quarterly Meeting** after the Sunday service on Sunday 20th January 2019
- \* **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach**
  - 5th January 2018 – Men's Open Cell Group at Grove Park
  - 19th January 2018 – Ladies Open Cell Group at Grove Park (Mondays)

# .....CHURCH NEWS.....



## ◆ **Communications Team**

We are looking to set up a communications team and are looking for WOL members who can help with content for the church's bulletin, website, and social media platforms. The team will be involved in putting together articles, features and stories and introducing new and creative content. They will also act as "roving reporters" doing interviews, reporting events and much more. If you are interested in being part of this exciting opportunity, we will love to hear from you, please email us at [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org)

## ◆ **Volunteer Workers Needed**

We are looking for workers who will serve in many areas of ministry such as the Praise and Worship Ministry, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Stewarding Ministry etc.

To join the Church's volunteer workforce, please speak with any of the heads of ministries or email [info@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org).

# ... THOUGHT OF THE MONTH ...



# SERVING JESUS WITH DELIGHT

By Ania Gorska-Faye

## **Psalm 146:1-2**

*"Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being"*

## **Psalm 40:3**

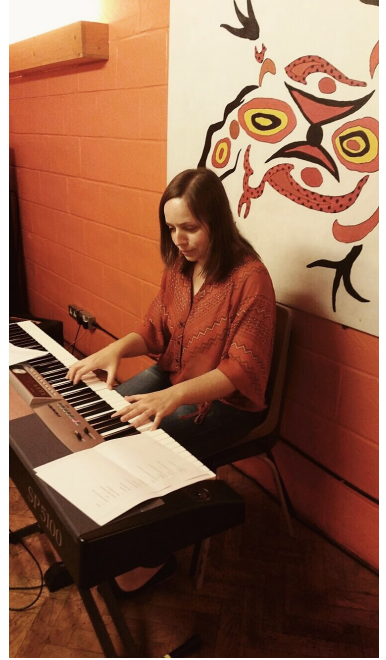
*"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord"*

My journey with praise and worship began in Poland more than 11 years ago, shortly after I had given my life to Christ. I became a member of a Baptist church and at that time I was a student at a Music Academy. My church needed someone who could join the praise and worship team to play the keyboard and as a musician I found this idea very interesting, so

decided to give it a go. I will always remember this time as very special, because that was when I fell in love with praising and worshipping God on the piano. Before I became a born again Christian I only played for myself and for others. Discovering that it was God who has given me this talent for a particular reason - to bring Him glory, was the beginning of something completely new in my life.

In 2009 my husband and I moved to England. In August of that year I visited for the first time Word of Life church (I actually found this church online while I was still in Poland!). Few months later I became a member. I mentioned to Pastor Rowland that I play piano. I still remember that when Pastor asked me to join praise and worship team my answer was: "I have to pray about it". I also remember very clearly what Pastor's reply was: "There are things you don't need to pray about". Shortly after having that conversation I joined the team:)

There is so much I have learnt since then. I have had the privilege to not only serve at my church, but also to minister at many Christian events, joining the musicians from other teams. I have attended several praise and worship conferences and workshops, that truly has widened my understanding of what worship really is.



Because worship is a life style and it is a choice - we choose to worship our Almighty God regardless of the circumstances, we choose to praise and glorify His Name, even when going through trials and experiencing pain.

If I had to mention the most important lessons I have received, this is what comes to my mind:

1. I have learnt that praise and worship is not about the music. Music is only a tool, a form of expression. Worshipping God is so beautiful, because it is one of the most selfless acts we can practice as believers - because it is all about Him, it's not about us. Worship is the purest expression of our love for the Father. But what happens is, when we worship Him and give Him all the glory, He meets us at the point of our need. This is when we can experience God's touch in a powerful way, this is when the healing takes place, deliverance takes place, restoration takes place. When we praise and worship the Creator of heaven and earth, He strengthens us and helps in our weaknesses.
2. It is so important to be sensitive to what the Holy Spirit says. There were many times when we had our song list ready and Holy Spirit would drop a particular, different song on my heart. I have learnt to trust Him and there is nothing more fulfilling than knowing we sang a song that pleased God.
3. I have learnt that I can "speak" through music and play prophetically. And there are many times when I feel led to play in a particular way or to use particular notes/chords/harmonies, because God wants to use my music and to do something through me. The stage belongs to Him, I am a vessel and my role is to allow Him to flow through me freely and to move in me, so my music becomes a reflection of what's on God's heart.

To all of you who are musically gifted and maybe wondering whether you should join the praise and worship team, I would like to encourage you to try. The level of experience is truly not the most important here: God sees your heart and He sees your desire to serve. He will guide you, as long as you stay connected to Him and act in obedience.



# .....PRAYER FOCUS.....

**1. Pray that this New Year you will take a stand for God and His Kingdom, and stand strong in Him**



**2. Pray that the Lord will help you to serve Him this year with joy and gladness, using your talents, gifts and strengths to glorify Him**



## SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

### **Philippians 1:27**

*"Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."*

### **Hebrews 3: 5 -6**

*"And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, 6 but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope [a] firm to the end."*

### **Ephesians 6:11**

*"Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil."*

### **Ephesians 6:13**

*"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."*

### **1 Corinthians 15:58**

*"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."*

### **1 Corinthians 16:13**

*"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."*



# ..... EXHORTATION .....

## TAKE A STANCE – STAND FIRM

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

I am excited as to what God wants to do, as I look forward to 2019.

With the Brexit fallout among politicians, and so many people not too sure of what is going to happen with Brexit you might wonder what is there to be excited about. Will it be “no deal” or not? There seems to be more confusion in the world today more than ever before.

Yet the scripture in Philippians 1:27 says to us

***27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,***

Our conduct and stance as Christians is what will make the difference. Paul says let the manner in which we behave wherever we are reflect what we preach. Today in the world all over there are so many changes taking place and as Christians many are confused. Unsure and not knowing what to do or what to say. Sometimes we are caught between the truth, sentiments and emotions.

The question then will be “What is it like to live as a Christian not only in the UK but as a Christian in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?”

Today it has become more and more difficult to express your faith without fear of reprimand, arrest or even losing your job. Many Christians are frustrated not knowing what to say or do.

Dr John Lennox of Oxford University says: ***“We are called upon to defend the Gospel. It is on trial, faith is under fire, and it is not only its contents, it is the messengers, and we will increasingly find we have not only to defend the Gospel to the world but we have to defend it to believers as well.”***

Dr Lennox also said: ***“A danger that I see is all around ... is a loss of confidence in God's word and its authority. We have to decide what side we are on and whether we are going to stand with Paul and the apostles and have confidence in the word and maintain the faith for which many of our forefathers stood.”***

It is however interesting to note that this would not be the first time that Christianity has been under such threat. In all of these situations God has always shown Himself mighty, by raising men and women who will stand their grounds until there is a change. The early Christians were persecuted for their faith after a great miracle of healing, and the Apostles were brought before the Sanhedrin where we are told in Acts 4:17-18 that the political system of that day said this:

# EXHORTATION continued

**17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**

The Bible tells us that the Apostles took a stance. Their stance was not to fight the government of the day and not to compromise or give in. They however went back to the other disciples and prayed to God for boldness, and that signs and wonders would be done through the hands of Jesus.

In the book of Daniel we have an account of the three Hebrew boys, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego who were faced with the same challenges we are facing today. There was a decree from Nebuchadnezzar that when the people had the music playing, everyone had to fall to their knees and worship the gold statue, and whoever did not go to their knees and worship it had to be thrown into a roaring furnace. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego found themselves in hot water because they refused and were brought before the King Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 3:16-18

**16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”**

These three chose to stand for the truth in the Word of God found in Exodus 20:3-5  
**3 “You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God,**

The most dangerous threat to Christianity today is within the Church itself. It is sad to note that every day, many Christians are playing down the truth of the scriptures. Time and effort is being lost in some churches over infighting, instead of uniting against the opposition of the enemy. We debate over different issues that should not be, instead of focusing on the work of the Kingdom. The work of winning souls and making disciples.



In the book of Philippians 1:27, Paul was encouraging the believers to stand together rather than allow their challenges to separate them.

What we are going through right now has not taken God by surprise, but for some of us it has come as a shock. Jesus told His disciples in Mathew 24:

**4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are**

**not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.**

Jesus has already warned us of the tribulation, the deception, the opposition and the persecution to come. So for us Christians it should not come as a surprise. What we see today is not strange to God. Ours is to stand and take a stance for truth.

God has always raised men and women who have taken a stance and prayed in a new wave of God's glory. Jesus did not encourage or command us to fight the system but instructed us to watch and pray. Every battle that has been won by Christians were not won fighting physical battles but were won on their knees and facedown.

It was said of John Knox the Scottish preacher 'Here lies a man who in his life never feared the face of man'. Here is a quote about him, **John Knox saw how important it was for the church to do what the Bible said, and not just what they thought was right. He wasn't afraid to stand up to anyone, even kings and queens, for what he knew was right. His preaching was used by God to transform the whole of Scotland.**

History has it that the Queen of Scotland was afraid of John Knox's prayers more than the whole army of England.

Mathew 26:41 Jesus says to watch and pray.

**41"Watch and pray so that you will not enter into temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak."**

In 2019 let us as we watch and pray, take a stance for God, and stand firm.

Let us as WOL stand together in unity as we pray in and see a new wave of God's glory!

# .....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)*



*"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)*

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

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)*

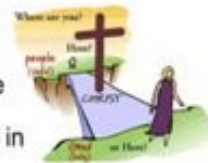
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."  
(Romans 10:9)*

**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 **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 email [info@wordoflife-icc.org](mailto:info@wordoflife-icc.org) if you would like to share your testimony.**

## WATER BAPTISM

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 would like to be baptised.**



## DEDICATIONS

If you would 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: £2 per copy. Messages are also available to listen to on the church's website.

## 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.



## MEMBERS

Please do come early at 10:15am to participate in the **Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures** session and in the Pre-service prayer time.



## 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.
  - Co-operating with the Stewards and following their instructions

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

Bayo Oyeniyi

Ministry Leaders

Joseph Oronsaye / Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Chris Martin - Men

Phoenicia Oyeniyi - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-Chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

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Shelly-Ann Sydial

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Officer

Bayo Oyeniyi

WOL Board: Member Representatives

Peter Mungai

Barbara Agbudeloye



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