

# Word of Life Church

## bulletin

JUNE 2018

# EXPECT THE FORMER & THE LATTER RAIN

James 5:7  
Zechariah 10:1  
Joel 2:23

*2018, Our Year of Digging Deeper, And Launching Out Into The Deep*  
*Key Scriptures - 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 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 - - - - -



*Corporate*  
**PRAYER AND FASTING**

Friday 1st June to Thursday 14th June

Meeting every week day at Rehoboth Building  
**7 - 8pm**



*Let's have a Big Lunch!*

**FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN FOR ALL**

Sunday 3rd June 2018  
1pm - 4pm  
Mayswood Road / Leaky Oak Road

EVERYONE WELCOME

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD OR ENJOY A FREE LUNCH!**

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*Fresh*  
Women's Ministry

**Heart to Heart Ladies Night**



**Friday, 15th June**

**7:30 - 9:30pm**

**Rehoboth Building (lower hall)**



**WOL Father's Day Service & Reception**

**Sunday 17th June 2018**

**from 11am**

**Venue: Rehoboth Building**

# Exhortation - - - - -

## PRAYING WITH EXPECTATION

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

1 King 18:41-45

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." 42 So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, 43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So, he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'

45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

There are two stories that I have heard over the years that have been a blessing to me.

The first one is the story of two farmers who both prayed to God for rain, but only one prepared the ground.

The other story is about the people of a village who went out to the village square to pray for rain but only one boy came with an umbrella.

The moral of these two stories is that the farmer and the boy both prayed in faith and expectation.

When Elijah told Ahab that it was going to rain it was because God had told Elijah that He was going to end the drought. 1King 18:1

*1. And it came to pass after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth."*

It is clear from scripture that God had spoken to Elijah that He was going to end the drought, it is also interesting that God did not tell Elijah when He was going to end the drought. Many times, God has spoken to us about what He is about to do but we go about doing our everyday activity, with little or no expectation.

Here in this scripture we see that Elijah did not wait for the heavens to open just because the Lord had told him it would rain.

Elijah took the matter to God. It was more like Elijah was saying to God "You promised to end the drought, where is the rain?"

We see this in James 5:17-18

*Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*

The Bible says Elijah prayed earnestly, with a sincere and intense conviction that God will open the heavens. He was purposeful in his prayer and there was a determination and an expectation that God will answer his prayer and it would rain on the land.



The Bible says Elijah prayed with the conviction that God will hear him, seven times he asked his servant to check and see if the sky showed any sign of rain, six times he went and there was no sign but Elijah never gave up, because God had spoken.

The Bible says on the seventh time, the servant came back and said *“There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!”*

Elijah got up because he knew in his spirit and beyond every shadow of doubt that God has answered his prayers, Elijah was expectant. His expectation kept him in the place of prayer until he saw a cloud.

James 5:7-8

*7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*

You also be patient and wait for the salvation of the Lord. It does not really matter how long or what it is you are believing God for this year, patiently wait in prayer.

Elijah chose the mountaintop to do his waiting. You choose your own mountaintop to be alone with God and pray with expectation. The Lord will reward your waiting.

Just like the farmer and the little boy in the story, be expectant, come to Him prepared for your miracle. It does not really matter how long it takes, as He said it? He will do it. Pray with expectation.

## Scriptures Of The Month - - -

**James 5: 7**

*“Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.”*

**Zechariah 10:1**

*“Ask the Lord for rain  
In the time of the latter rain.  
The Lord will make flashing clouds;  
He will give them showers of rain,  
Grass in the field for everyone.”*

**Joel 2: 23**

*“Be glad then, you children of Zion,  
And rejoice in the Lord your God;  
For He has given you the former rain faithfully,  
And He will cause the rain to come down for you—  
The former rain,  
And the latter rain in the first month.*

# WOL Corporate Prayer & Fasting- - -

## WOL PRAYER AND FASTING DIARY

1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**THEME: EXPECTING AND PRAYING FOR THE FORMER AND LATTER RAIN**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

**II Chronicles 7:13-15, I John 1:8-9**

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place."

Prayers for the forgiveness of sins and deliverance from generational sins.

Today let us pray for the heavens to be opened. Let us start by humbling ourselves before God and ask for the forgiveness of our sins and all our iniquities. Let us ask the Lord by the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from every generational sin; Let us plead for the forgiveness of the sins of the people of Mayeswood Road, Grove Park and of Lewisham as a whole.

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**

**Acts 2:17-19**

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke."

Prayer for revival. For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for an outpour of the Holy Spirit on the Church and on all flesh like never before. Let us pray for the manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will show signs and wonders to the world.

### **Sunday 3rd June 2018**

**II Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 8:17**

"if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

"that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses.""

Prayer for Healing

Let us pray that the Lord will heal our Land. Let us pray for spiritual, physical and emotional healing. Let us rebuke every spirit of infirmity

### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Acts 1: 4, 8**

Let's pray that we will be expectant and prepared for the Lords' promise of the outpouring of the early and latter rain of the Holy Spirit on us in Word of Life

pray that we will herald the call to come together as one body. Let's pray that we will

## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **Acts 1: 12, 13, 14**

Let's not forsake the gathering together of the saints as we eagerly await the rain from heaven of the power of the Holy Spirit. Let's pray that we will walk as one, be in unity and continue to be in one accord. Let's pray for the grace for continuous prayer and supplication as we await God's revival power.

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **Acts 2: 1 – 14**

Let's pray that the revival and rain of God's Spirit and power like a mighty volcano will surely come and none of us will miss the day of God's visitation.

## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **Acts 2: 14, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47 and Acts 3: 1 – 9**

Let's pray fervently for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power as we receive the outpouring of the former and latter rain of God as follows and as seen in Acts chapters 1, 2 and 3:

Pray that we will be filled with boldness

Pray for salvation of souls

Pray that disciples who will be given to the Word of God and sound doctrine, and who will live for Christ will be raised in our midst

Pray for the fear of the Lord to be released all hearts

Pray for signs and wonders

Pray for unity and oneness

Pray for a spirit of generosity in giving to be released

Pray that for a spirit of true fellowship to be released that causes regular coming together

Pray for joy and simplicity of life

Pray for increased levels of praise and worship unto God, in spirit and in truth

Pray for a release of favour with God and man

Pray for Church growth in WOL

Pray for healing

## **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### **Hosea 10:12, Isaiah 45:8**

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you."

"Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it."

Prayer for righteousness and salvation of souls.

Let us pray for the heavens to open up and rain down righteousness upon our household and upon Lewisham. Let us pray that the heavens will open and bring forth salvation.

## **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### **Genesis 27:28, Genesis 28:3-4, Genesis 49**

"May God Almighty bless WOL and make WOL fruitful and multiply us. May He make us an assembly of peoples; from different nations, tongues and tribes. Pray that God will bless WOL and that we will inherit Grove Park, the Borough of Lewisham and the city of London where God has planted us. Let us pray today for God's anointing for souls. Let us pray for finance to fulfil our God given assignment in the borough of Lewisham. Let us

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pray that WOL is a fruitful vine, with branches that fills the whole of Grove Park. Let us pray that WOL will have a fruitful impact in Grove Park.

## **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Hosea 6:2, Isaiah 64:1 -3, John 4:24**

Let us pray that God will rend the heavens and come down and make His name known in our community and city. Let us pray that every mountain that is an obstacle to revival in our community and city will be made plain at the presence of our God. Let us pray that God will make His name known to the people of Grove Park. Let us pray that the fire of God will consume every anti-Christ spirit in our community and city. Let us pray for deliverance from every bondage in the name of Jesus. Let us pray that everyone that is held in bondage in our midst and in our community will experience deliverance in the name of Jesus. Pray for God's move in Grove Park, Lewisham and London. Pray that that every fallow ground will be broken.

## **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**John 7:37-39, Mathew 21:23, Isaiah 56:7**

Let us pray today that there would a deeper hunger for God in this community. Pray that we as WOL Church would develop a deeper hunger and intimacy for the Holy Spirit. Pray that righteousness will prevail in the House of God. Pray that WOL will be a House of Prayer unto all nations, that the glory of God will always fill Rehoboth Building. Let us pray that God will soften our hearts of the people to seek Him. Let us pray that the spirit of Grace and righteousness shall abound in our community

## **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Ezekiel 47:1-12, Revelation 22:1-5, 2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

Let us pray today for the river of God to flow in the Land and that His purpose and His counsel shall stand. Let us pray that will make His face to shine on us in the land. Pray that Grove Park, Lewisham and London will experience the flow of God's river. Pray that the Lord will break the spirit of pride and ignorance that is holding the people back from the knowledge of Christ. Let us pray that the light of Christ will begin to shine in the heart of the people of this community and our city of London

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Acts 14: 17, Isaiah 55: 10**

"Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

"“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater,”

Prayer for provision financial breakthrough

Let us pray that the Lord will rain give rain for fruitful season. Let us pray for breakthrough in jobs and business. Let us pray for financial breakthrough for members of Word of Life Church and for the Church's corporate funds.

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Psalms 100: 4, 1 Thessalonians 5: 18**

Let's spending today in offering thanks and praise to God for hearing us and for answering us. Let's thank Him that we will surely see a manifestation. Let's take him for the manifestations to come.



# Church News - - - - -

## ◆ iKnow Church

As most of you are already aware, Word of Life Church launched a new Administration Church Package called 'iKnow Church' last month which is an online platform that securely stores data relating to church members, church groups and event information, through which WOL leaders can communicate and members can be kept up to date on church-related matters. If you haven't already started using iKnow Church, please ensure you have completed the following urgently:

1. **Create your personal password** by clicking on the link at the bottom of email you received on 17th May 2018 at 11:27am
2. Go to your profile, by clicking 'Me'. Then click the option **granting WOL permission to store your data**. Please also grant permission for your children's data to be store by clicking the Child Tab under your own profile. Please remember to **Save** your changes.
3. Tick the **methods by which you prefer to be contacted** eg. phone/post/email/text/SMS

Please report any issues or difficulties by emailing [admin@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:admin@wordoflife-lcc.org).

Thank you so much for your support and cooperation as we complete this initiative to ensure that Word of Life Church remains efficient in our processes and also remains compliant with the new GDPR regulations which came into effect on 25th May 2018.

## ◆ Children's Church Service

On a trial basis, we will be conducting our first children's service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in the lower hall. By God's grace this will start at 11am. Parents please kindly use the side entrance to the lower hall downstairs to drop them. Please aim to drop them from 10.50am. The children's service will include a time of praise and worship, prayers, the Word of God and they will also have an opportunity to give to the Lord like we adults do. So please prepare their offerings and give to them before dropping them. We will so much appreciate your prayers and support for this going forward. If you have any questions please contact Sis Lisa Martin by emailing are at [L.Martin@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:L.Martin@wordoflife-lcc.org). Thanks

## ◆ Upstairs Balcony Seating

During the services and meetings we will like to see the main auditorium hall seating completely filled up first, before the upstairs balcony seating area is used in all cases. So we ask the church to please help facilitate this in making sure that you use the seats in the main hall if there are available seats.

That means from henceforth, if there are available seats in the main hall, **only the Technical and Visual Team Members working are allowed to use the upstairs balcony seating area**. Thanks in advance for your help and co-operation with this.

## ◆ HALL AVAILABLE FOR HIRE (Lower floor)

The Resource Centre in the lower hall is now available for hire. It is made up of a multi-function hall, as well as a small kitchen/chill out room and a large entrance/hallway. These can be used for seminars, workshops, training days, product launches, baby showers, private dinners, extra tuition classes, small events etc... **Please help spread the word to others. Flyers will be made available by the end of June.** There is a half price discount available to all WOL members. Please visit the Community Resource Centre page on the website by going to <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community> and clicking on Community Resource Centre, for details. You can also email the church administrator at [admin@wordoflife-lcc.org](mailto:admin@wordoflife-lcc.org) for more information and to find out about hall availability.

# Notices - - - - -

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*greetings to all those born in the month of June and congratulations to all celebrating anniversaries this month!*



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## 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.

## WORKERS

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

# More Dates For The Diary - - -

- \* **WOL Cell Leaders Meeting** on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Lower Hall
- \* **Single Young Adults Fellowship** on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 (time and venue to be confirmed)
- \* **KTLCC REFUEL Night Cancelled** this Month
- \* **WOL Community Fun Day Planning Meeting** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Rehoboth Building (lower hall)
- \* **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach:**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Youth Cell
  - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – NO SOS CELL EVANGELISM
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 – Ladies open Cell Group at Grove Park (Sundays)
  - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – Evangelistic Mission to Grove Park by the whole Church

## 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

Peter Unachukwu - Men

Phoenicia Oyeniyi - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

Chi-Chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

Church Administrator

Shelly-Ann Sydial

Treasurer

Malach Airo

Safeguarding Officer

Bayo Oyeniyi

WOL Board: Member Representatives

Rotimi Adejumo

Barbara Agbudeloye



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