

# Word of Life Church

## bulletin

MAY 2018



*The Reason for  
the Hope in you*

1 Peter 3: 15

# 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 - - - - -

Let's have a **Big Lunch!**

**FOOD, MUSIC AND FUN FOR ALL**



organised by Word of Life Church, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park SE12 9RP

## MOMs Prayer Group

**Sunday, 6th May**

**1:15 - 2:15pm**

**Venue: Prayer Room (Rehoboth Building)**

# Exhortation - - - - -

## THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

*1 Peter 3:15*

*15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defence to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

I recently had someone ask me “why do you Christians sing and dance”. In short, the person wanted a reason for my hope. What makes you happy? What is it that keeps you going? Why do you still trust God with everything you are going through?

What reasons are there for the hope we have in Christ? I am sure you and I will have many reasons for our hope in Christ Jesus.

However, I want to draw your attention to a scripture in the bible which encapsulates one of the greatest reasons for our hope in Christ Jesus.

Jesus in John 6 had introduced Himself as the Bread of Life, in John 6:51

*51 “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” 53 Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.*

This was probably one of the most difficult things for the Jews to comprehend because they took Jesus’ words literally, but Jesus was speaking figuratively. This was a figurative description of what Christ came to do. Jesus made it clear to them that eternal life is gained by believing in Him. Just as bread nourishes and gives sustenance, Jesus was telling His disciples that He was that bread that came from heaven to give not just an ordinary life but an abundant life and through His blood, eternal life. A lot of the disciples began to leave Jesus because this was a hard saying for them, they became offended.

Sometimes some Christians can be like these Jewish disciples, when they feel that the answers they get from their prayers do not align with their expectations. They give up or walk away from the faith. Some get offended, because they do not like what they hear. I pray that you and I will not fall into that category in Jesus name.

When Jesus looked around Him and saw that most of His disciples had left, he turned to His twelve disciples and asked do you want to leave also. Peter’s answer gives us a reason for the hope we have in Christ.

*68 But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

The answer to our hope is that Jesus has “the word of eternal life”, He is the anointed one and He is the son of the living God. His blood speaks of better things than the blood of Abel.

He is the alpha and omega

He is the soon coming king.

He is the risen Lord

He is the Saviour of the world

He is the one who brought us out of the miry clay and set our feet upon the rock.

Peter said in verse 69 *“Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”.*

This is the reason for our hope, that Jesus is who He says He is. We have come to believe, no matter what the enemy throws at us. He is the son of the living God.

Our hope is built on nothing else but on Jesus Christ and that is why Peter says sanctify Him in your heart. That is to set Jesus apart in our hearts, to hold Him in high esteem and not allow anything to corrupt our hearts concerning Him and who He is.

Hold on to the hope you have in Jesus Christ, that way you can give an answer for the reason of our hope to others.



# Scriptures Of The Month - - -

## 1 Peter 3: 15

*“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;”*

## Colossians 1: 26 – 28

*“the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which<sup>[a]</sup> is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”*



# Upcoming Events - - - - -

KENSINGTON TEMPLE HOSTS:



# THE CALL

FREE  
ENTRY

**A PROPHETIC GATHERING FOR  
PRAYER AND HOLY SPIRIT REFRESHING**

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS SPEAKERS

**MAY  
18-20  
2018**



**PAUL CAIN**

Paul Cain has ministered for seven decades since the beginning of the Healing Revival in 1946, and he is known internationally for his prophetic ministry.



**DR RT KENDALL**

Dr RT Kendall was the pastor of Westminster Chapel in London, England, for twenty-five years. He is author of more than 50 books.



**KEN GOTT**

Pastor Ken Gott is the Senior Leader of the 'House of Prayer Europe' based in Sunderland, and an apostolic father to Bethshan Church - one church in several locations across the North East of England.



**COLIN DYE**

Colin Dye is the Senior Leader of Kensington Temple London City Church and author of over 30 books.

**DATES & TIMES**

**Friday 18 May: 7pm**

**Saturday 19 May:**

**9.30am, 11am,  
2.30pm & 6pm**

**KT PENTECOST SUNDAY  
CELEBRATIONS**

**Sunday 20 May:**

**9am, 11am,  
2.30pm & 6pm**

For more information please call 020 8799 6100 or email [info@kt.org](mailto:info@kt.org).

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

# Youth Corner - - - - -

*This month we are including some prayers for you as you prepare for, and go through your forthcoming exams:*



The first is a prayer for success for passing an exam, and asks for God's leading and clear thinking whilst taking the test. The second prayer can be said before the exam final and is a simple petition to God for help, guidance and inspiration.

Nerves and anxiety can often get the better of us in stressful situations. The third prayer asks for God's peace to come into the student's heart and for them to know that God holds them and cherishes them at this time. Finally, there is a short prayer of thanks that can be prayed as you await your results after the exam

## **Prayer for exams success**

*(a short prayer for passing an exam)*

Father, I pray that you would help me pass this exam. Thank you for your guidance in leading me to this study and for sustaining me as I have worked for this qualification. I ask now that your spirit would lead me. Come sharpen my thinking and help me to excel in this test of my learning and understanding. May I be able to recall everything I need from my studies and answer each question well. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

## **Prayer before exam**

*(a prayer for guidance and inspiration for an upcoming exam test final)*

Father, Be with me as I take this exam. Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp. Calm my nerves and help me concentrate. I know that you walk with me, guiding my path and inspiring my heart. I pray



that I would feel you with me, and that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel. I pray that I would pass this exam and go on to new things with you. Thank you for your peace and your love in my life.

Thank you for your kindness and care for me. In Jesus name I pray.  
Amen

### **Prayer for exam anxiety**

(a prayer for God's peace to come)

Heavenly Father, only your peace can sustain me through the anxiety and stresses of exam nerves. Your peace surpasses all understanding. I ask for this gift and choose to lean upon you at this time. Lord, come and remind me of your unfailing love. Remind me that you hold me safe, you understand me, and you cherish me. I lay down my fears before you. I leave them at the foot of the cross, for you have overcome the world. I choose to give you all my concerns, worries and fears of failure. I trust that your loving hand will hold me through these exams and lead into a bright future. In Jesus name I pray. Amen

### **Short prayer after exam**

(a prayer to say whilst awaiting your results)

Lord God, thank you for this opportunity to learn new skills and stretch my understanding. Thank you for guiding me through this time of study into the final exams. I lay before you all the hopes and fears I have about the outcome. May you place a peace within me now as I rest and await the results. Thank you that I am safely held in your love. Thank you that whatever happens in the future I will live in your goodness and walk with you always. In Jesus name I pray.  
Amen

**\*Acknowledgements:** <http://www.living-prayers.com>

# Children's Corner - - - - -

## Children's Church

### What have we been learning?

During April in the 6-10 year old group, we have been learning about the Holy Spirit. We looked at the characters of Samson, Gideon and Bezalel in the Old Testament and how the Holy Spirit anointed them for a specific role. We also looked at the Holy Spirit in the New Testament and how the Holy Spirit is now available for everyone who receives Jesus as their saviour.

The 3-5year old group are learning about prayer, focusing on Luke 11 v 1-12.

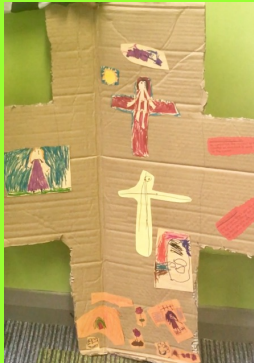
.....because Jesus loves us  
Micha, Hannah, Ashkye, Khady

.....to make sick people better  
Hannah



....he forgives us  
Hannah

The children enjoyed making this super picture as they talked about why Jesus died on a cross



## Please help by...

Helping your child to learn their memory verses. Memory verses are usually handed to the children each week, or texted to parents. Reading them with your child once a day helps them to remember their verse and helps them to think about topics we have learnt.



## Which bible?

We have considered the option of buying children's bibles and selling them to parents for their children. However, this may not be cost effective for the church. I have compared three versions of children's bibles (for the 5-10 year old cell) and prefer to use the 'International Children's Bible'. This version has been translated specifically for children, direct from the original Greek and Hebrew languages, and has straight forward language. This is the version consistently used for memory verses within the children's cell for 5-10 year olds. If you are considering buying a bible for your child, this maybe a good choice. Encouraging children to bring their bible to cell is very helpful. There are not enough children's bibles for everyone and children are very eager to look for scriptures for themselves in the bible.

## Roaming reporter.....

Amara interviewed Cienna to find out what she learnt in church on the 8<sup>th</sup> April. I gave the first two questions to Amara, the other questions were chosen by Amara herself. Read on.....

Weeks ago we have been learning many stuff, so I'm going to see if one of the children from Sunday School to come up - can I ask Cienna, can you come up? What did you learn about?

We learnt about the Trinity - about God's love.

What was your favourite bit?

I liked learning about what to be when I grown up - I want to be an artist and I want to learn to paint (*in cell we looked at the characters of Bezalel, Solomon and Samson. The children were asked what role they would like the Lord to anoint them for*)

Okay, how old were you when you got a bible? You don't have to say the actual age.

About.....5.

# Children's Corner - - - - -

Do you pray daily?

Yes I pray every day like I pray when I'm eating breakfast, when I'm eating lunch, when I'm eating dinner

Do you like have a specific prayer that you do

Erm....no

What do want to do when you are older? Wait - Do you want to preach when you are older?

No

Why not?

Cause I can do other things

So you mean that you can pray to God in other ways?

Yes, I can talk to him and He's going to listen

Have you ever thought about Jesus coming to earth?

Yes, I've had it in a dream - 'cause when I had it in a dream he came down into my house

Was it like realistic?

Yes, yes

Okay, what's your favourite book in the bible?

Ruth

This is the last one, it's a top quiz. Once you prayed, how do you feel? What's your emotions?

I feel happy, I feel really proud

Well thank you Cienna for joining my interview



## A day out.....

Would you like to meet up with our children on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May during half term? Location: Gravity at Blue Water - for 18 month to 82 year olds (apparently!) It's a trampoline park with a cafe, for those of us who would rather observe the fun!

Followed by lunch or a picnic in the food court area of Blue Water. All are welcome, whether you are a parent or not. Youth are also invited. Please let me know if you are interested. [www.bluewater.co.uk/shops/gravity](http://www.bluewater.co.uk/shops/gravity) It costs about £11 per child, individuals would need to find their own way there, though we maybe able to car share once we know who would like to come. If people are interested I will forward more details of how to book, time etc.

Please let me know if you have an idea for where we could go on future days out, it would be great if each parent could take a turn to select an activity/day out for each half term.

### Word from Pastor Rowland

I do enjoy watching the children as they grow in their talents and gifts, and begin to find their place in the church. Well done Amara for playing the keyboard solo in church, you have done very well! Thank you also to Ania for her hard work as she sows her gifts into the next generation of worship leaders.

I also enjoyed watching as the children shared some of what they had learnt in their cell about the bible, and a wonderful song which some of the very young children joined in - thank you!

### Personal details

During May we will be updating the information we hold on the children including whether they have any allergies or health issues that we should know about. This is so that we can make sure the children are kept safe whilst in our care. We will also be asking for your permission to use your child's image on newsletters and other media circulated within the church i.e. video presentations at church celebrations. Forms will be handed out to parents, it will be very helpful if you could hand them back to the children's ministry team once completed, thank you.

### Would you like to help?

If you would like to help within the children's ministry in any way big or small please let me know. More helpers are needed to help us develop the ministry into a full children's church.

**Thank you, Lisa Martin and the Children's Ministry Team**



# Children's Corner - - - - -

## The Kid Bit

Children .... have a go at the puzzle or colour in the picture. Hand your completed work to a children's worker to see if you win a prize! (Names of children who hand in the quiz or colouring, get placed into a hat, and a name picked out at random).

5-10 year olds - can you complete the word search?

## The Work of the Holy Spirit

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15 (NIV).



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E C L Q X I Q P V R V O P H D  
A G U I D E O C T H T M E I I  
F A T H E R R W R Y E E M P F  
A C H S U H S L U V K A U U X  
H J E O G R L D T G N N R C R  
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S H W A M O R E S C G B E V N  
P A A E C G D S C H O P N Y R  
K O Y K Q P V H Z P S B G M H

much	belong	Spirit	tell	truth
bear	guide	hears	known	speak
more	Father	glory	say	come

# Children's Corner - - - - -

3-5 year olds - Can you colour in the picture below?

## The Lord's Prayer



**And forgive us  
our debts  
as we forgive  
our debtors — Matt 6:12**

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## ◆ GDPR

The **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** is coming into force in the UK on the 25th May 2018, and will affect all organisations, including churches, which store personal information about individuals.

- The Regulation is designed to give individuals more rights when it comes to how their information is gathered, stored and used. It will build on current Data Protection legislation to ensure that all organisations are acting transparently and fairly when it comes to personal information. The GDPR aims to ensure an individual's right to make sure their data is held securely, correctly, and in a manner which is easily accessible and is under one of GDPR's six lawful bases, one of which is consent.
- This regulation is a new legal framework from the European Union and won't be affected by the UK leaving the EU. There is currently a new Data Protection Bill (2017) before Parliament, which will bring the UK's own Data Protection legislation into line with GDPR. This Bill will come into force on the same day as GDPR: the 25th of May, 2018.

**Word of Life Church** is currently taking every step to ensure we are compliant before the go live date on 25th May 2018.

We are in the process of analysing our existing data and transferring the data to a new software which will help us to remain compliant.

Over the next few weeks, you will be notified about how these changes will impact you which *may* include your being asked to provide consent regarding existing data we hold here on our systems at WOL.

Please look out for emails requesting your participation. *Thank you for your support and cooperation in advance.*

## ◆ Children's Church Service

We are looking to trial this soon on Sundays. We will be grateful for your continued prayers in seeing this happen. 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 soon be available distribution.**



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-icc.org/community> and clicking on Community Resource Centre, for details. You can also email the church administrator at [admin@wordoflife-icc.org](mailto:admin@wordoflife-icc.org) for more information and to find out about hall availability.

# Notices - - - - -

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*greetings to all those born in the month of May 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 - - -

- \* **Children's Ministry Meeting after service** on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- \* **WOL Cell Leaders Meeting** on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Lower Hall
- \* **Married Couples Fellowship** on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 from 3pm to 5pm TBC
- \* **WOL Prayer Night** on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Rehoboth Building from 7pm to 10pm
- \* **The Big Lunch** takes place on **Mayeswood Road / Leafy Oak Road** on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June after the service**
- \* **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach:**
  - 12th May 2018 – Ladies Leadership Cell Group at Thamesmead
  - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Men's Leadership Cell Group at Thamesmead
  - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – All Church members SOS Evangelism - this is as a result of the Unlimited Praise no longer happening on this date.

## 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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