

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

bulletin

MAY 2020



Obedience is Better Than Sacrifice

1 Samuel 15: 22, John 14: 23,
Philippians 2: 8

2020, Our Year of “Supernatural Harvest”

Key Scripture - Amos 9: 13



*2020 Our Year of
Supernatural
Harvest*

Amos 9: 13 (The Message version)

“Yes indeed, it won’t be long now.” GOD’s Decree. Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won’t be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills. I’ll make everything right again

2020, a year of supernatural harvest of souls. A year of restoration for the Church and a year where we will see those who were formerly antagonistic towards God becoming advocates for the kingdom of God. A year when the Lord will raise up and rebuild His Church. A year when the body of Christ will see a harvest of souls like it has never seen before. A year when the Church at large will prosper.

Be excited, be prepared, and be a part of this God adventure in 2020 and beyond!



.....WELCOME!.....

- **Welcome!!!** We are so thrilled you could engage with us. We hope you enjoy your interactions with us and welcome you to stay in touch with us via our website, email or phone. If you need to get in touch with us, ask a question, if you have a prayer request or if you need to speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team at anytime, please feel free to contact us: Email: info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone the church office on 07930958097 (Mon - Thu, 10am to 2pm). Please also check out our Website: www.wordoflife-cc.org to stay up-to-date with our activities and useful information.
- Our Children's Team & Youth Team continue to provide quality care & teaching for your children weekly via Zoom Video Conferencing. Your children are invited to join our Children's Church Service & Cell groups:
 - Lively Learners → 3–5 years
 - Bright Believers & Faith Fighters → 6–9 years & 10–12 years
 - Chosen Generation Youth → 13 years onwards
- For details of how children and youth can join in please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

Weekly / Fortnightly Events

Until Further Notice...

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting via video conferencing each week day morning from 6am to 6.40am - via Zoom Videoconferencing App

WEDNESDAY

7pm-8pm Midweek Service - Live-stream on Facebook, YouTube & Zoom

FRIDAY

7pm-8.30pm (weekly) Revival Prayer - via Zoom

7pm-8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub - via Zoom

SUNDAY

11:00am Celebration Service - Live-stream on YouTube & Facebook

1:00pm After Service Chat Room - via Zoom

1:00pm Youth Cell Group for young people aged 13 yrs+ - via Zoom

3:00pm Older Boys Cell Group (flexible ages- contact Lisa Martin)- Zoom

4:00pm Children's Church / Cell Group (3 - 12 years) - via Zoom

CELL GROUPS (small groups) meetings are held via Zoom during the week, for more details email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone the church office on 07930 958 097 (Mon - Thu, 10am to 2pm).

Our cell groups are homogenous in nature. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

.....UPCOMING EVENTS.....

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MEN'S *Day* ENCOUNTER

Online via Zoom

**BANK HOLIDAY FRIDAY 8TH MAY
TIME: 10AM**

Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org for the Zoom Meeting ID

WORD & SPIRIT

SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

Raising cutting edge exceptional leaders for such a time as this...

Date Saturday 9th May 2020

Time: 10am - 4pm

Online: via Zoom Video Conferencing



For further details or any questions please contact us by email info@wordoflife-lcc.org or phone [07930 958 097](tel:07930958097) during the office opening hours of Monday to Thursday between 10am to 2pm.





with Reverend Brian
& Vanessa Richardson



Online

INTERACTIVE

School of the Spirit

Saturday 16th May

Time: TBC

Practical application in Personal Prophecy, the Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge...

Email: info@wordoflife-lcc.org Web: www.wordoflife-lcc.org

WOL Corporate Day of

PRAAYER & FASTING

Friday 29th May

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- * **Chosen Generation Youth Hub Meetings - Online via Zoom**
 - Friday 1st May – 7pm
 - Friday 8th May – 7pm
 - Friday 15th May – 7pm
 - Friday 22nd May – 7pm
- * **Leadership Meeting**
 - WOL Heads of Ministries Meeting – Sunday 10th May online (1.30pm)
- * **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach**
 - Cancelled *until further notice*

SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

John 15: 22 (NKJV)

If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

John 14: 23 (NKJV)

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

Philippians 2: 8 (NKJV)

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.



..... CHURCH NEWS

◆ **Your Well-being is our Concern**

In light of the present situation in our nation and in the world your health and well-being are of priority to us so please continue to take the necessary precautions as per the NHS advice - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and if you have any concerns, please do let us know. Your safety and well-being are important to us.

If you also need any help, please let your cell leader or any of the leadership team know and we will see how we can help.

◆ **Online Church Services and Activities**

We are continuing to live-stream the Wednesday evening services at 7pm and Sunday services at 11am online until further notice. We encourage you to please participate in the services while you're in your homes. We will continue to keep you updated via the WOL Website (www.wordoflife-lcc.org), email and the Word of Life Church WhatsApp messages.

Sunday Celebration Service- 11am

- Facebook Live-stream: <https://www.facebook.com/wollcc>
- YouTube Live-stream: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf>

Sunday After Service Live Chat - 1pm

- Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Children's Church/Cell Group & Youth Cell Groups - via Zoom

- ***3pm - Older Boys Group*** - George Zammit
- ***4pm - Children's Group*** - Lisa Martin
- Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org to understand how your children/youth can join.

Youth Cell Group- 1pm

- Via Zoom Video Conferencing
- Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org to understand how your children/youth can join.

Wednesday Mid-Week Service- 7pm

- Facebook Live-stream: <https://www.facebook.com/wollcc>
- YouTube Live-stream: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf>
- Zoom Video Conferencing: please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org for the Meeting ID

Cell Group Meetings for men and women will take place via Zoom Video Conferencing. If you would like to connect with a ladies or men's cell group please contact us on info@wordoflife-lcc.org

The Revival Prayer Night will be held every Friday in April from 7pm via Zoom Video Conferencing. Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org for the Meeting ID.

If there are any changes, we will provide updates to you via the Church Website (www.wordoflife-lcc.org), email & the Word of Life Church WhatsApp group.

.... CHURCH NEWS Continued

◆ Benevolence - Caring for one another during Lock-in

If anyone has need of food and basic provisions, and will like some help, please do email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org or let your cell leader know.

If on the other hand you have a surplus of food and basic provisions that you will like to donate / give to others please also do let us know. For those who will like to give financially rather than donate food and provisions , you are welcome to do so. You can give via bank transfer to the church with reference: Locked in Donate.

Thank you for caring for others by our giving

◆ Grove Park Community Foodbank Project

We are pleased to announce that we have just received a kind and generous donation of £500 from an Elim Church in Isle of Dogs to help in setting up a community foodbank project in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are also in the process of applying for a Community Care Grant and a Community Care Kit (a one-off grant of personal protective equipment (PPE) containing face masks, gloves, and hand sanitiser). Please pray for us to be successful with this.

The plan is to open a community food bank project on a temporary basis in Rehoboth building to provide emergency food and support to people in need in Grove Park and its immediate environs, during this time of COVID 19 pandemic and its aftermath.

Unfortunately, with the outbreak of COVID-19 our services as a church are needed more than ever, and we want to be able to support local people and families facing food poverty and needing help and care.

During these extreme times and over the next few months we hope to run an emergency response service, putting together emergency food parcels and offering pastoral counselling where required.

We plan to open the Grove Park Community Foodbank Project on Friday 15th May 2020 as a drop-in service providing free emergency food parcels and pastoral care to needy and vulnerable local people and families in the community. The project will be open to the community every Friday from 12 - 2pm and will be run by volunteers from Word of Life Church and others in the community.

Food banks are considered as essential services and we will be adhering to government directives in terms of social distancing and staying safe, for both volunteers and those that use the service.

◆ Giving to Word of Life Church

Thank you so much for your continuous giving of your tithes and offerings. God bless you. With your giving, you enable the church to continue to do the work of ministry and fulfil its financial obligations.

We encourage you to please continue to give and support financially the work of the God here at Word of Life Church.

A reminder that to give, you can go into www.wordoflife-lcc.org and click on DONATIONS

You can then give:

1. Online through the website
2. Via your Smart phone

Please text CK453 to 64647. Minimum donations with this facility is £2.00

You can also give by:

3. Bank transfer with your online account facility to Lloyds TSB- Cheltenham High Street Branch

Account Name: ECKT Word of Life Church

Account no. 03215544

Sort code: 309187

4. Standing order

If you are part of Word of life Church, the easiest way to give regularly is by setting up a standing order with your bank. This is an instruction to your bank to pay a regular set amount to the Church either weekly or four weekly or monthly. In order to do this, you will need to complete a standing order form. Tithe and offering standing order forms as well as Project Fund standing order forms are available for you to complete if you will like to support the work here at Word of Life Church on a regular basis.

The benefits of this are that you are able to plan and give regularly / consistently without having to worry about forgetting to. It enables you to give the first fruits (first part) of your income depending on when you receive it. The Church also benefits from receiving regular donations that enables it to plan and fulfil its obligations.

To complete a form, you can download a copy from the website by visiting <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/donations/tithes-offerings> and click on the link tithes and offerings standing order form.

Thank you so much for your generous giving and your financial support.

... CHURCH NEWS Continued ...

◆ WOL Church Rehoboth Building

In line with directives from the government, please note that Rehoboth Building is currently closed for worship and regular activity to the public. The church office is also currently being operated via remote working. This is until further notice and we will advise once this changes.

◆ Word and Spirit School of Leadership

Raising cutting edge exceptional leaders for such a time as this...

The school continued on Saturday 25th April 2020 with around 20 people in attendance from three churches. We had Pastor Bunmi Omidiran teaching on "Power – Change -Vision, and the Faith of a Leader. It was a fantastic and highly enriching day.

The school continues this month on Saturday 9th May 2020 and if you will still like to join, then please do register as soon as possible before that date. We look forward to having you on board.

Remember, Word & Spirit School Leadership is for such a time as this

VISION

The School's vision and mission is:

To raise up cutting edge exceptional Christian leaders, that will bring the Kingdom of God to all peoples and every sphere, and see real change and transformation through the power of God's Word and the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, the school aims to:

- Raise up cutting edge Christian leaders for the Kingdom, full of integrity and godly character.
- Produce spiritual leaders passionate about the gospel and the harvest.
- Develop exceptional faith filled leaders, full of the Word of God and of the Holy Spirit
- Bring forth men and women leaders who know and love God, love people, and do great exploits for the Kingdom.
- Release trained and strong leaders who will go out and be fruitful in bringing transformation and change to lives, homes, families, churches, communities, cities and nations, through the Power of God

CURRICULUM

Topics will include the following and much more:

- Why Leadership?
- Leadership & influence
- Leaders in the Bible
- The Heart and Character of a Leader
- Personal development and growth as a Spiritual Leader
- The Vision Thing
- The Leader and Faith
- The Leader and the Word of God
- The Leader and the Holy Spirit

- Anointing and Grace
- Walking in Power and in the Supernatural
- The Importance of Prayer
- The Leader and the Lost
- The Leader and Relationships
- Forming and developing a strong team
- Competency and skills in leadership including public speaking / presentation skills, time management, handling pressure, the art of delegation etc
- And more.....

WHO CAN ATTEND?

The School is open to all who are born-again believers in Christ currently serving in one way or the other in the kingdom (or willing to begin to serve), as well as those already in leadership roles.

SCHOOL SPECIFICS

The school will run once a month on a Saturday from 10pm to 4pm, for one year from 28th March 2020. A variety of seasoned Christian leaders / Ministers will take the different sessions each month.

Registration fees are £60 per person for the whole programme. If necessary, a payment plan can be agreed based on terms and conditions. Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org to request details.

Payment can be made:

Via bank transfer to: Lloyds Bank, Sort code: 30-91-87, Account number: 03215544. For reference – please use your name and W & S School (for example “Tom Smith W & S School”)

The one-year programme calendar is as follows:

Saturday 28th March 2020

Saturday 25th April 2020

Saturday 9th May 2020

Saturday 6th June 2020

Saturday 18th July 2020

Break - August 2020

Saturday 26th September 2020

Saturday 17th October 2020

Saturday 7th November 2020

Break - December 2020

Saturday 16th January 2021

Saturday 20th February 2021

For further details or any questions please contact us by emailing info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

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◆ Life for Singles Course for the Youth by the Youth Ministry continues this month online

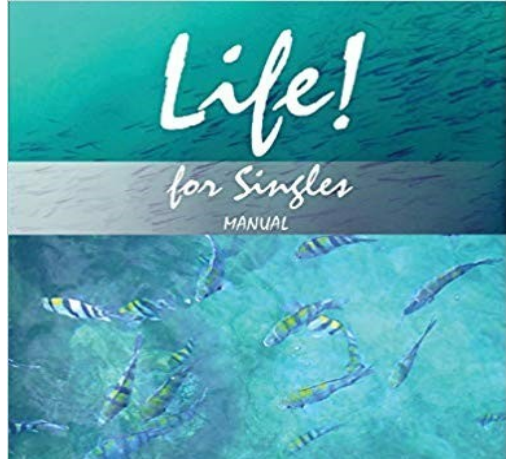
If you are young person, the Youth ministry is running this wonderful course called **Life! for singles**

This course is about discovering identity, destiny and doing friendships well! You will be exploring questions like:

- Who am I?
- Why am I?
- Be the right friend
- Choose the right friends

And much more...

We invite you to join on this adventure.

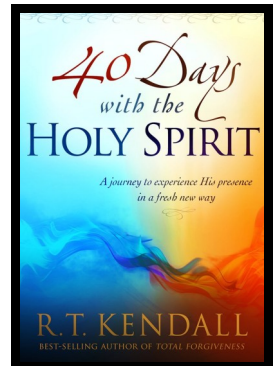
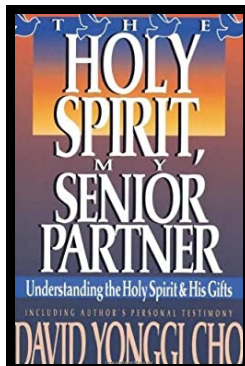
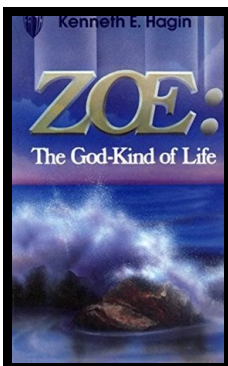


◆ Hall for Hire

This building is currently closed for Hire. We will keep you updated once this changes.

◆ Official Launch Meeting of New Christian Book Club

The Launch night of the New Christian Book Club will be held on Thursday, 7th May from 7:00pm – 7:45pm via Zoom Video Conferencing. Meeting ID: 963 288 0775. It will be an interactive session, providing an overview of the Book Club, and an opportunity to answer any questions on what to expect by joining the Club. Please contact Oluremi Adejumo (07908640308) or Peter Unachukwu (07501512997) to find out more before the launch date or just attend on Thursday.

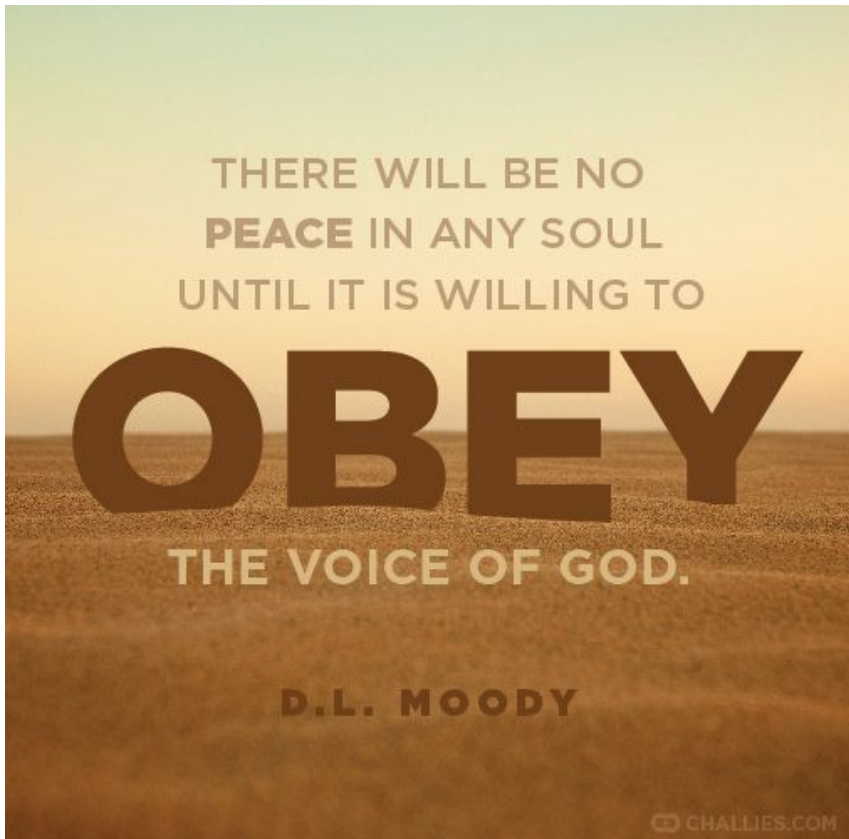


PHOTOS

First "After Service Chat Room" - 19th April 2020



... QUOTE OF THE MONTH ...



EXHORTATION

OBEDIENCE IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw



Many times, most Christians are comfortable with doing what they want to do rather than doing what God has asked to them to do.

Love those we want to love.

Forgive those we want to forgive.

Live our lives the way we want to.

When Samuel made this statement to Saul, it was to address his partial obedience. Partial obedience is still disobedience.

1 Samuel 15:22

22 But Samuel replied: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

Saul had been asked by God to go to the Amalekites and destroy them, destroy the whole city, animals, kings, everyone no one was to be spared.

1 Samuel 15:2-3

2 This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. 3 Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.’”

Saul went and attacked the Amalekites, but he and the people returned with trophies of war.

When Samuel visited Saul, Saul was quick to say to Samuel that he had performed the task the Lord had commanded him.

Then Samuel heard the bleating of sheep and oxen and asked Saul what that was, Saul answered Samuel that they were animals he had brought back from the task he was asked to perform, as his sacrifice unto God.

The question is, did God ask Saul to bring animals back for sacrifice? No!

He was supposed to destroy everything, nothing was exempt. To crown his partial disobedience, he brought back the king as a trophy.

The attitude of Saul towards God’s command exemplifies the life of most believers.

Partial obedience means hearing what you want to hear and not what God is saying.

Most Christians today live a life of partial obedience, we do what we want irrespective of what the word of God says.

Yet on Sunday we are in Church, on Wednesday we are in the bible study group, we are in everything, praying, singing, weeping before God, but we only do what we hear and not what God is saying.

Partial obedience is diluting God's word to suit our purpose. "This is the way I have always done things and no one is going to tell me what to do", not even my parents or my leader.

Many Christians today live a life of

- Selective Obedience – I prefer this scripture to that
- Incomplete Obedience – I will do what I can do for now
- Delayed Obedience – When I am ready
- Half-hearted obedience – I will only do it because I am forced to do it.
- Partial Obedience - I will do some of it and leave the rest, God understands.

The truth however is that, disobedience is still disobedience, whether it is partial, selective, incomplete or half-hearted.

God wants complete obedience from us and gives us His son Jesus as an example of complete obedience.

Hebrews 5:8-10

8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus even though He was God's only begotten, He knew what His suffering was going to be, He knew He was going to be crucified and killed, yet He learnt how to be obedient in order to obey His father even though it meant He had to die.

Philippians 2:8

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus on earth was a man like us yet learnt how to obey God.

Obedience to God and those he has placed over us as leaders is a sign of humility.

God is not asking for your sacrifice; God is checking out how obedient we are prepared to be.

Abraham was ready to obey God and sacrifice the son he had waited years for, in obedience to God's request. And this is what God said to him.

Genesis 22:15 - 18

15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time 16 and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Saul's partial obedience cost him the throne and the Kingdom.

Abraham's complete obedience brought him blessing to all his descendants forever.

In the middle of the word "OBEDIENCE" is a simple word "DIE".

God does not want our sacrifice; He wants our obedience and obedience is simply dying to ourselves in order to please God.

.....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)*

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



*"for GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SON, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16)*

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

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)*

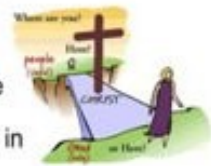
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)*

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 **MAY** and
Congratulations to all
celebrating **Anniversaries**
this month!



TESTIMONIES



Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly.

Please email your testimony to info@wordoflife-lcc.org if you have a testimony or email info@wordoflife-lcc.org. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

WATER BAPTISM

This is cancelled until further notice.



DEDICATIONS

This is cancelled until further notice



SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



Messages are available to watch/listen to

- On the church's website <http://wordoflife-lcc.org/site/index.php/resources/audio-messages>
- On our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/wollcc> & on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf>

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.



WOL TEAM

Senior Pastor / Minister in Charge

Rowland Henshaw

Senior Leadership

Folake Henshaw

Peter Unachukwu

Ministry Leaders

Ibukunoluwa Henshaw - Youth

Yemi Adeniran - Youth

Chris Martin - Men

Folake Henshaw - Women

Lisa Martin - Children

Shelly-Ann Sydial - Praise & Worship

Sonia Edwards - Stewards

Taiwo Adeniran - Technical

George Zammit - Evangelism

Yvonne Zammit - Welcome & Consolidation

Church Administrator

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Barbara Agbudeloye



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