



November 2024 Edition



Transforming Lives, Fulfilling Destinies

2024, Our Year of Living in His Presence



Exodus 33: 14 -15

Acts 1: 4 - 5

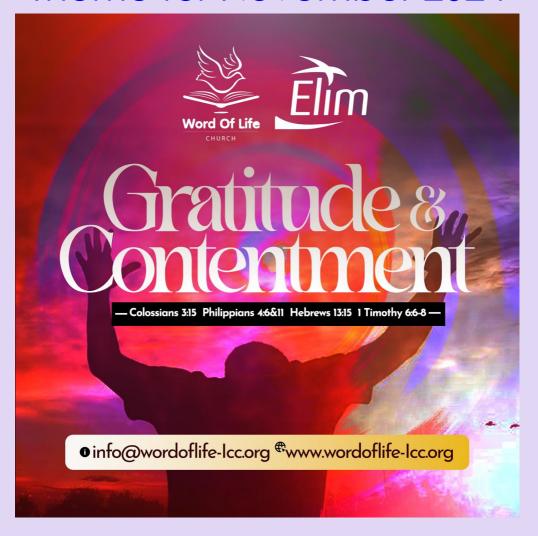
Acts 4: 13 - 14

John 15: 5

2 Corinthians 3: 17

Psalm 16: 11

Theme for November 2024



Gratitude and Contentment

Colossians 3:15
Philippians 4:6 &11
Hebrews 13:15
1 Timothy 6:6-8

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Welcome

We welcome you to the November Edition of the WOL Times. We are excited to bring this edition to you and pray that you will find it a blessing and a useful tool. We will love to her from you, your feedback, your testimonies, your suggestions. Please feel free to send them to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

If you are visiting one of our church services or attending any of our events, WELCOME!!! We are so thrilled you could join and engage with us. We hope you are blessed and will love for you to stay in touch with us by visiting us again or via our website, email or phone.

To get in touch with us, ask a question, get some more information, put in a a prayer request, or speak with any of Our Team, please contact us via Email at info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone our Church office on 0208 857 7406 and 07930 958 097 Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm.

To stay up to date with our activities, events and useful information, please check out our website: www.wordoflife-lcc.org.



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!!!)

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?

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...

God Loves You

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!



Our Response: Receive CHRIST We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive him by personal invitation.

him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of GOD." (John 1:12)

"yet to all who received "here I am! I stand at "that if you confess the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and from the dead, you he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Where are you? Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

Admit your need (I am a sinner).

2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).

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).





First Word CONTENTMENT AND GRATITUDE

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

"It is not happiness that brings us gratitude. It is gratitude that brings us happiness."

A grateful man or woman is bound to be content in God.

A grateful attitude towards God is essential to our contentment in Him, not just for the blessings He bestows on us, but for who God is. It is very essential for us to be satisfied with who God is, who He has created us to be.



The minute we cast our eyes off Him and focus on anything contrary to His face, we will become anxious, envious and discontent. In our discontent, we become ungrateful to Him.

RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT GRATITUDE AND ANXIETY CANNOT CO-EXIST IN THE BRAIN.



You cannot be a grateful person and be discontent at the same time.

A grateful person walks in confidence and contentment. An ungrateful person is always, angry, anxious and envious.

First Word

PAUL PUTS IT THIS WAY Philippians 4:6-8

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, That is WITH GRATITUDE

let your requests be made known to God.

And listen to this verse 7

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

As you show gratitude to God, His peace will then protect you from unnecessary mental and emotional tension. You will be content with whatever situation you find yourself in.

Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence.

WAYS TO REMAIN GRATEFUL AND CONTENT#

1. Meditate on the good things

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Paul says fill your minds with only good thoughts.

- A person with good thoughts is always grateful.
- The more grateful we are to God and man, we gain acceptance and become fearless of the future.

First Word

 Gratitude to God actually serve as a protective factor against anxiety.

Habakkuk puts it this way

Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 Though the fig tree may not blossom,

Nor fruit be on the vines. Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls—

18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills.

The more grateful we are to God the more content we become with life,



- **2.** Let your gratitude redirect your attention from your anxious thoughts to the goodness of God, this will stop your worries.
- **3.** Regularly practice gratitude to others, this will help you appreciate other people and be grateful to God for bringing them into your life.
- **4.** Recognise who you are in Christ Jesus. Thank God for your life, appreciate God's gift in you, appreciate God's call on your life. When you appreciate God's call on your life you will not walk in arrogance, but you will walk in humility knowing that it is by His grace

First Word

that you are who you are.

Jeremiah 1:5

5 "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Hebrews 5:4

4 And no man takes this honour to himself, but he who is called by God. iust as Aaron was.

This is probably the most encouraging scripture for me.

Every time I have felt myself feeling like Asaph, I go back to this scripture. This was the scripture given to me by the Holy Spirit in 1997, when I was avoiding been commissioned as an associate Pastor.

5. A grateful person sleeps well at night. Thank God every night as you go to bed. Thank God for your family, thank for His faithfulness towards you, thank Him for your job, etc. Apparently, gratitude has been linked to better sleep quality, which is crucial for managing anxiety.



6. Have a gratitude journal, document things you are grateful to God for, remind yourself of God's love and kindness towards you. Remind yourself of the victories you have won through Him. Like David, encourage yourself in the Lord always.

1 Samuel 31:6

6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

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"2024, Our Year of Living in His Presence"

Regular Events

Monday to Saturday

6am – 7am (daily) Early Morning Prayer Meetings via Zoom, Monday to Saturday

Wednesday

7pm – 8pm (weekly) Midweek Power Service **Friday**

12noon – 2pm (weekly) Foodbank & Community Resource Centre in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building

7pm – 8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth (CGY) Hub in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building. **The CGY Hub is a relaxed and safe** space for the youth to engage in games, learn life skills, socialise and connect with one another.

7pm – 8.30pm (weekly) Revival Prayer Meeting in the Main Hall Rehoboth building

5pm – 6pm (weekly) Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Interactive Bible Study) via Zoom

Sunday

11.00am Celebration Service at Rehoboth Building (Livestream on YouTube & Facebook)

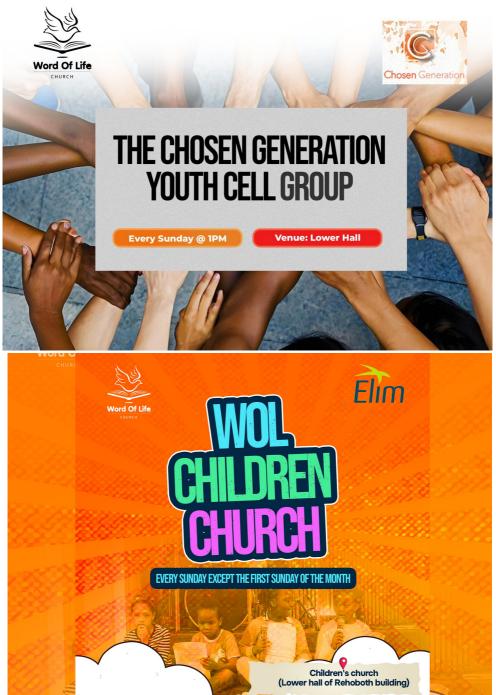
After Praise and Worship – Children's Church (3 – 12 years)

1.00pm Youth Cell (small) Groups (boys and girls aged 13 onwards) **Weekly Cell Groups (small groups)**

Meetings are held via zoom or in person once a week on various weekdays. All our cell groups are homogenous in nature so you can feel at ease. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

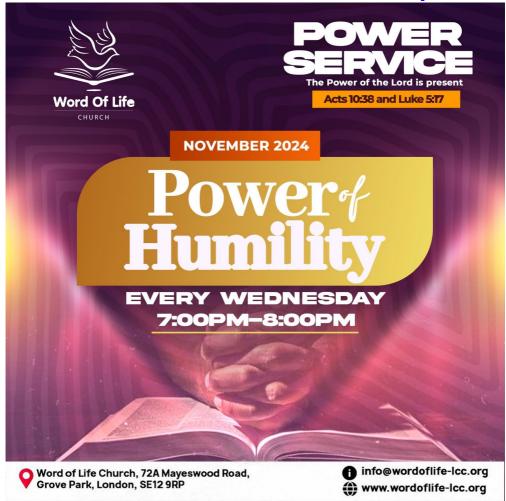
Children and Youth

Our Children and Youth programmes take place in the lower hall on Sundays. The children meet in the lower hall immediately after the time of corporate praise and worship except for the first Sunday of the month, which is our family Sunday and some other special services. The youth also meet in the lower hall every Sunday immediately after the service for their cell groups where they can explore the message further and ask questions.

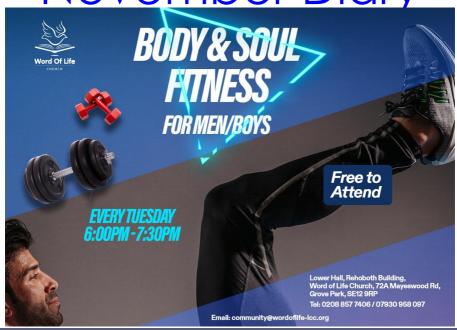












FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (INCLUDING WARM WELCOME SPACE)

A Warm Welcome Food Parcels Games

Online Access for Job Search Sign Posting

Private Space for Reflection & Prayer

Networking & Discussions

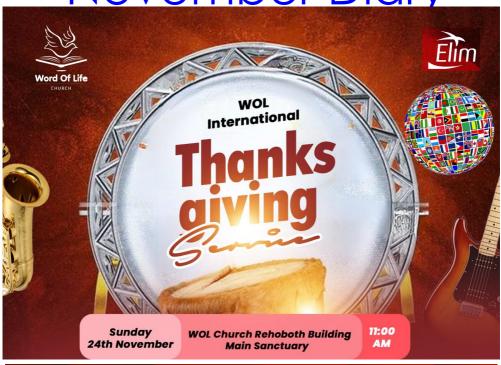
WHEN: FRIDAYS

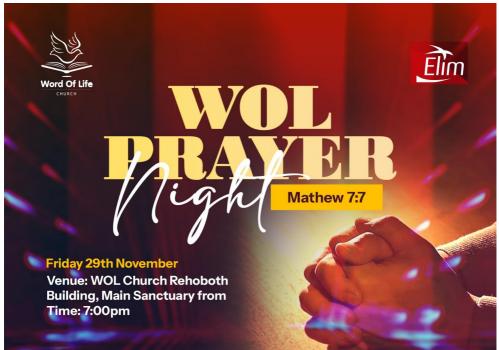
TIME: 12:00 NOON - 2:00PM

VENUE: Word of Life Church, Lower Floor, Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP



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SOS Evangelism Outreach

Every Saturday

10:30am - 11:00am **Praver** @Rehoboth building

11:15am - 12:15pm **Evangelism** Outreach in the local community

Open to anyone who would like to join

Amplified Bible - Isaich 52: 7
How beautiful and delightful on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace, Who brings good news of good (things), Who announces salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

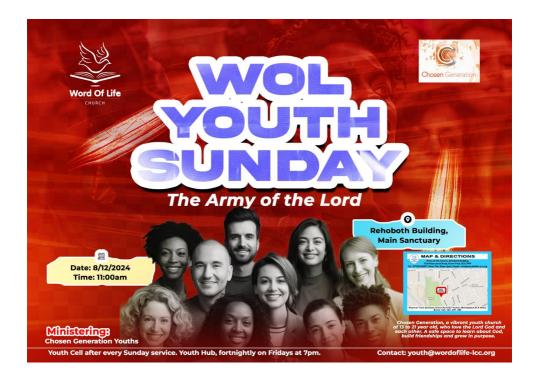


Sessions are led by a qualified personal trainer and are FREE OF CHARGE

To register, please email us at community@wordoflife-lcc.org You are also welcome to just come along weekly on Thursday evenings!

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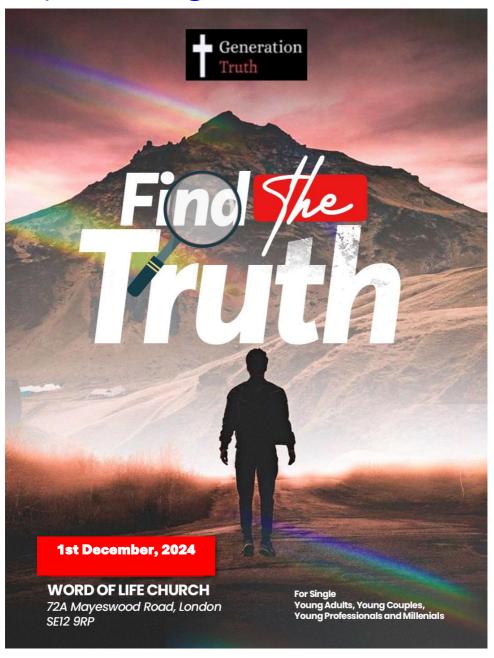




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Office hours: Mon- Tue (10:00am- 4:00pm); Wed- Fri (10:00am - 2:00pm)





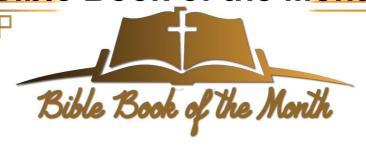






This is a day of reporting to the church of all that has happened during the year and giving a financial report

Bible Book of the Month



THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH

This month, let's join to read, meditate, study, and explore the book of MICAH

ARE YOU NEW TO WORD OF LIFE CHURCH?

Welcome to Word of Life Church! We are so glad you have chosen to visit and be part of our services. If you have any questions will like to know more about the Church, receive pastoral help, or explore how you can connect and be involved in the life of the Church, please come speak with any of the team or send us an email at in-fo@wordoflife-lcc.org. Someone will respond to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please continue to contact the office when needed by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or sending a message to 0793 0958097

SAFEGUARDING

Word of Life Church is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all with whom we connect. We take safeguarding extremely seriously and are committed to being a community where everyone finds safety, love and flourishing. A copy of our safeguarding policy is available upon request.

For any safeguarding concerns, involving children or vulnerable adults please email safeguarding@wordoflife-lcc.org.

YOUR WELLBEING IS OUR CONCERN / BENEVOLENCE (CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER)

If you have any concerns, please do let us know. Your well-being is especially important to us. If you require prayer or pastoral help / counselling or support, please do not stay silent, please let your cell leader, any of the leadership team or the church board member representatives (Brother Sylbourne Sydial and Sister Serena Manly-Spain) know, so we can offer prayer and support. Please do not isolate yourself, speak with someone. In addition, if you are in in need and require practical assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

LIVESTREAM / RECORDINGS

Our church services are Live-streamed / recorded and pictures are also taken during some services and events by our media team. Please contact us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS PROJECT 2024

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT, CHRISTMAS IS ROUND THE CORNER. WOULD YOU BEGIN TO THINK AND PRAY ABOUT GIVING A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO HELP THE NEEDIEST IN OUR COMMUNITY....

Christmas is coming sooner than you think!

In the spirit of giving and helping those who need it, we as a church are looking this year again to be a blessing to our community / borough by giving out Christmas hampers to the needy and poor, not forgetting those in our midst that might need that help too.

Each hamper will have everything that an average family of 4 requires for a lovely Christmas meal. We are looking to include a good-sized turkey, gravy, potatoes, carrots, sprouts, cranberry sauce, mince pies OR Christmas pudding and custard, and a bottle of sparkling non-alcoholic wine.

This year our target is £1,500. This will help cover the cost of 50 Christmas hampers which will potentially help feed over 200 individuals at Christmas and also put the gospel message in their hands. A Christmas gift of £30 will help purchase a Christmas Hamper for a family of 4 to 5.

To do this we need your support in giving towards this initiative. That is why we are coming to ask you to give a Christmas present to a family this Christmas.

- We will be thrilled if each one gives (no amount is too small or too big), and also help raise funds so we can meet the target. With each individual and family giving and helping to raise funds, we can do this.
- 2. If the Lord has blessed you financially and you have the means, why not consider help us by giving a large amount that means we can possibly increase the numbers of hampers from 50 to 75. In past years we have given out 100

God bless you all as you give.

Note: You can give through cash, using the giving envelopes from the Ushers and do mark it as Christmas hampers 2024 or by bank transfer

to; Account Name - ECKT Word of Life Church

Account No - 03215544

Sort Code - 30 91 87 (Reference to be used is Christmas Hamper 2024)

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Congratulations to Grace Codling who recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. We thank God for His precious gift of life!!!

CHILDREN'S ROOM

The children's room has been undergoing some beautiful refurbishment and decorating and will be ready soon. Special thanks go to Bro Darren Woodham and all others who have been overseeing and helping with this. If you are able to help, please speak to the venue manager, Bro Darren Woodham

AN OPPORTUNITY AND A CALL TO SERVE

This year we are inviting every member of WOL to give your time, strength, commitment, gifts, and talents to serve the Lord here in Word of Life Church. Your Church needs your service in many areas of ministry. We are particularly looking for more children's workers and stewards / ushers immediately. You are also very welcome to serve in other areas that you believe the Lord has called you to with your gifts and talents. We believe that every Christian is called to serve by Jesus so please get in touch with us by emailing info@wordoflife-lcc.org or speak with your cell leader or deputy cell leader and complete one of our volunteer worker's form. Please do not sit on your gifts and talents this year. We look forward to hearing from you.

HOUSEKEEPING / SAFEGUARDING:

Mobiles - We encourage every congregational member to **please** switch off mobile phones during the service as we concentrate on worshipping God and hearing His Word and the voice of the Holy Spir-

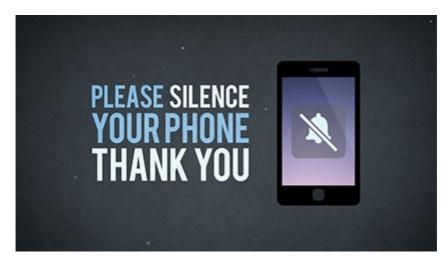
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Children - We would like to remind parents and guardians to please keep their eyes out for their children and the young ones while in the church premises. Let's join to help keep them safe and stop them from coming to any kind of harm.

Personal Belongings - Please keep your personal belongings with you while in the building premises. Many thanks for your co-operation.

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HOUSEKEEPING / BEING MINDFUL OF GOD'S HOUSE- REHOBOTH BUILD-ING



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Rehoboth Building - We would like to ask everyone to please be mindful and intentional about caring for, looking after, and keeping clean and tidy, the house of the Lord. Please avoid bringing food (including sweets, cakes, biscuits, crisps etc) or drinks (except water) into the main sanctuary or leaving any litter be-

hind.

Fire Doors - Please keep this closed at all times.

Let us all join to do this. We also ask that you please be mindful of the carpets in the building, and especially in the main sanctuary. Let us please keep it clean as much as we can by using the mats as we come into the building. Thank you for your help with this. We want to be good stewards of the resources God provides us in this House, so we ask that everyone please help with avoiding wastage of any of the church's resources.

Please kindly refrain from taking away items designated for the use of all. Thank you for your help with this.

Many thanks for your co-operation the experience.



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Notices

Happy Birthday Greetings to all those born in the month of NOVEMBER and Congratulations to all celebrating Anniversaries this month!



GIVING (Tithes & Offerings)

- CASH put in an envelope (available from the ushers), mark it as 'Christmas Hampers' & place cash/envelope in the basket
- BANK TRANSFER Lloyds Bank- Account#- 03215544, Sort Code- 30 91 87, Account Name: ECKT Word of Life Church
- GIVT APP—Download the free app & select Word of Life Church (Lewisham)



TESTIMONIES

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

Please email your written or video recorded testimony to info@wordoflife-lcc.org We look forward to hearing from you and sharing God's goodness

WATER BAPTISM

If you will like to be baptised, please speak with your cell leader or email the Church office at

admin@wordoflife-lcc.org.



DEDICATIONS



If you will like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or ringing 07930 958 097.

Dedications are usually held 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays of the month.

SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



Messages are currently available to watch/listen by visiting our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf
Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/wollcc
Spotify Podcast: (Word of Life Church LCC) https://open.spotify.com/show/4tWTW5KRIvYcVeifF9LPZy?si=a8d2f806ac454534

WOL Mission Statement

'Transforming Lives, Fulfilling Destinies'



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 the Borough of 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)

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