

WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

bulletin

October 2019



Ripe & White

For Harvest

Part 2

John 4: 34 - 37

Matthew 9: 36 - 38

Joel 3: 13 - 14

2019, Our Year of "Taking A Stance"

Key Scripture - Philippians 1: 27

..... WELCOME!

- **Welcome!!!** If you are a guest with us today, we are so thrilled you could join us. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and welcome you to meet and speak with any of the Pastors or leadership team after the service.
- Trust your children to the care of our dedicated team. During the Sunday Services, our Children's Team & Youth Team provide quality care & teaching for your children in the lower floor. Your children are invited to join our Children's Church Service & Cell groups for children aged 3–12 & Youth Cell group for young people from the age of 13, as follows: (*except 1st Sunday of the month*):
 - Lively Learners → 3–5 years
 - Bright Believers & Faith Fighters → 6–9 years & 10–12 years
 - Chosen Generation Youth → 13 years onwards
- A crèche room is available for parents with babies and toddlers aged 0–2 years old to use during the service/meetings when required/needed.
- Light refreshments are provided after the service, downstairs in the lower floor.

Weekly / Fortnightly Events

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Prayer Meeting via video conferencing each morning from 6am to 6.30am.

WEDNESDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building
7pm-8pm Midweek Service.

FRIDAY at WOL Church lower ground hall, Rehoboth building
7pm-8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth Hub

SATURDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building
Praise & Worship Team Practice (times TBC).

SUNDAY at WOL Church auditorium, Rehoboth building
10.15am Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Disciples Class)

10.40am Corporate Prayer Time

11am-1pm Celebration Service

(*first Sunday of the month is a Family/Communion/Thanksgiving Service*)

1:15pm-2pm First Steps Bible Studies Class (*for new/recent believers*)

CELL GROUPS (small groups) meetings are held at various venues during the week, for more details email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org, 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.....



Ladies Weekend Retreat & Conference

Friday 11th October - Sunday 13th October



Main Speaker:
Pastor Yetunde Ayodele
(RCCG The Sanctuary, Stratford)



Venue: Devere Hotel, Theobalds Estate, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire

*Friday
25th October*

WOL Day of

prayer & fasting

**Reflecting, Repenting, and Consecrating
our lives to God again**



**CHOSEN GENERATION
YOUTH HUB**

Friday, 25th October 2019
from 7pm

**ANNIVERSARY
Event**

Venue: Community Resource Centre, Lower Hall,
Word of Life Church, Rehoboth Building, 72a Mayeswood Road, London SE12 9RP



KTLCC Energise Conference

THIS OCTOBER WE GATHER TO REFRESH AND RE-ENERGISE THE CELL VISION OF KTLCC

TUESDAY 22 TO SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2019

Find out how you can deepen your connection to God, to one another, to your purpose, and to the mission of the Holy Spirit for your life.

CONNECTIONS

ENERGISE CELL CONFERENCE

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

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- * **WOL Cell Leaders Meeting** – Sunday 13th October 2019 after the service
- * **WOL Married Couples Fellowship (MCF)** – Sunday 20th October 2019 from 3- 4.30pm. Venue is in Thamesmead
- * **SOS Cell Group Evangelism Outreach:**
 - 5th October 2019 – Ladies Cell Group led by Sis Shelly-Ann Sydial
 - 19th October 2019 – Ladies Cell Group led by Sis Yvonne Zammit

..... CHURCH NEWS

◆ Cell Groups

The Cell Ministry at Word of Life Church is at the "heart" of our Church Life. Our goal, & Jesus' command is to "make disciples". An important way we do this at Word of Life is through small connect groups, which we call cell groups. Led by a Christian believer, each group consists of anything between two & twelve people who meet in homes, cafes, in the church building, or wherever they choose.

The cell meetings constitute a time of praise & worship, and teachings where the Word of God is shared in a simple & practical way. A Bible study lesson is shared with real life applications, putting the story of the Bible into OUR world. The cell serves as a place of care & friendship, as well as an evangelistic mission that new people can be invited to & won to Christ. The ultimate goal of each group is to disciple its members & prepare them to go & disciple others.

Generally speaking, the cell enables a person to grow in his or her relationship with God through the knowledge of his Word, and in relationship with others in an intimate setting. The cell is where what happens in a church service happens in a miniature form, but with the added bonus of close friendships & relationships being built. Our Cells bring life. Our Cells reach out to the community. Our Cells are fun! Our Cells are about relationships.

Our Cell groups meet on a weekly basis. Cell members walk away from the meetings feeling encouraged, renewed & refreshed in their spirits. If you have never attended a cell group or don't belong to one we invite you to join one. For help in finding one, please speak to any of the leadership team here at WOL or email us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org & we will be able to help.

◆ Benevolence

The word benevolence means "a desire to do good to others; goodwill; charitable-ness: to be filled with benevolence toward one's fellow creatures".

... CHURCH NEWS continued ...

The popular saying goes that charity begins at home. In the early church as reported in the book of Acts of the Apostles, they took on the responsibility to ensure that not one among them had a need. This was so important that it is reported that 7 men of very high spiritual standing such as Stephen, were appointed to this great task of ensuring the basic needs of the congregation was taken care of. In the same book of Acts, it is written that they had everything in common & no one was left out.

At WOL our Benevolent Fund is for what you can spare. Like the five loaves of bread & two fish meant for one boy, but when blessed & shared can fill a nation. It is about bringing in your spare shopping to put into the box of blessing, to bless someone else. Whether it is non-perishable goods or household hygiene products, it's all acceptable. If God lays on your heart to give a financial gift then you can give it in the offering & mark it for "Benevolent Fund".

Your generous gift will meet the need of a brother or sister for that moment & theirs may meet your needs in return. Let us love in deed & not in word only. If you have any questions or more information about the Benevolent Fund, please speak with Sis Ninie Unachukwu or email info@wordoflife-lcc.org.

◆ Christmas Hampers

Christmas is just around the corner & as a church we are looking again to be a blessing to our community / borough by giving out Christmas hampers to the needy & poor. To do this we need your support in giving towards this initiative. We encourage you to give generously. A donation of £25 will provide a hamper for a family of 4 -5.

◆ Hall for Hire

Rehoboth building is available for use at various times throughout the week & open to the community for multiple purposes. The Resource Centre (lower floor) is made up of a multi-function hall, as well as a kitchen/chill out room, a medium sized room & 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... The multi-function hall is suitable for a maximum of approximately 80 people with a cabaret style seating arrangement, 100 people with theatre style seating arrangement or 120 people standing.

The main hall in Rehoboth Building is also open for use to members of the community. It has a capacity of approximately 180 seats. However, its use is reserved exclusively for church services, including weddings, funerals or child dedication services.

Flyers are available on the information table or you can also find details by going to the church's website & clicking on "venue Hire" or visiting <https://www.hallshire.com/halls/view/5516/rehoboth-building>.

Please email info@wordoflife-lcc.org for more information if required and to find out about hall availability.


◆ Cheques

Following a directive from the Church's Bank Lloyds Bank, if you are issuing cheques to the Church, please kindly make them payable:

ECKT – Word of Life Church.

Cheques written out to the Church using "WOL" or "Word of Life" will no longer be accepted by the bank & will be returned. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

...PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH...

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1. Pray for the salvation of unsaved souls in Grove Park, the Borough of Lewisham and the city of London
 2. Pray for revival of evangelism in our Church, Word of Life Church
 3. Pray for open doors for each one of us to spread the gospel to others
 4. Pray that all Christians will see the need to share the gospel with us and respond to that need.
 5. Pray that this month each one of will see someone come to the Lord Jesus Christ
 6. Pray that this month we will see people saved in our Church services.
 7. Thank God for the answer to our prayers this month

....QUOTES OF THE MONTH....

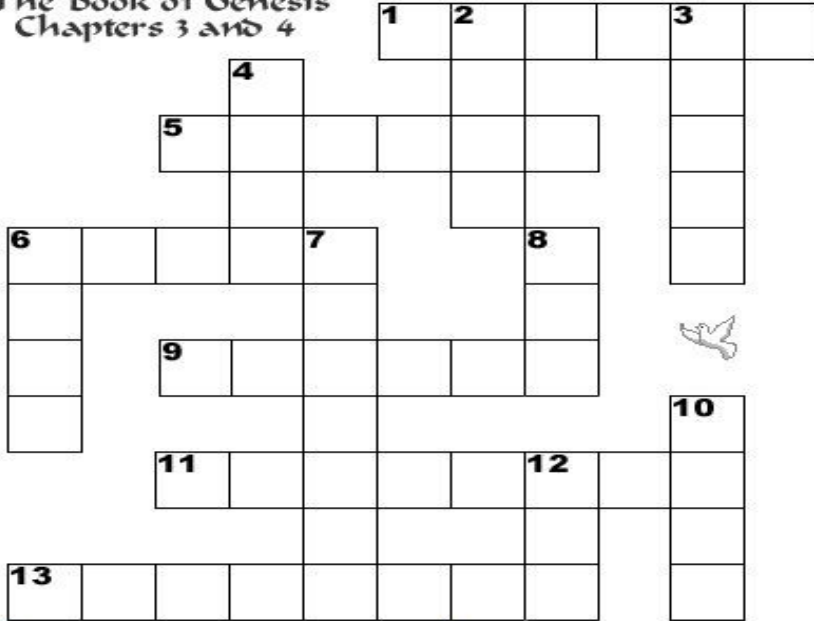
"Don't wait for a feeling or love in order to share Christ with a stranger. You already love your heavenly Father, and you know that this stranger is created by Him, but separated from Him, so take those first steps in evangelism because you love God. It is not primarily out of compassion for humanity that we share our faith or pray for the lost; it is first of all, love for God." – John Piper

"The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose." – C.S. Lewis

.....CHILDREN'S CORNER.....

Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis
 Chapters 3 and 4



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Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The _____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

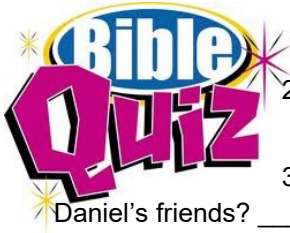
.....PARENTS' CORNER.....

Practical Ways of Reaching Your Youth

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| 1. Understand them | 8. Teach them the whole truth |
| 2. Be compassionate towards them | 9. Pray, pray, pray. |
| 3. Treat them with respect | |
| 4. Don't call them names | |
| 5. Be a model | |
| 6. Listen to and appreciate them | |
| 7. Make your family your priority & ministry | |



.....YOUTH CORNER.....



1. What was the apparent source of Samson's strength?

2. From which country did Moses help the Israelites escape from their lives of slavery? _____

3. Who was the fourth person in the fiery furnace along with Daniel's friends? _____

4. What did Joseph's brothers do to deceive their father to cover up that they had sold Joseph into slavery? _____

5. What kind of leaves did Adam and Eve sew together to make clothes for themselves? _____

6. Who did Jesus say was the "father of lies"? _____

7. What was the name of the tower that the people were building when God confused their language? _____

8. What is the common name of the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples

9. Whose name means "father of a great multitude"? _____

10. Of what did Potiphar's wife falsely accuse Joseph _____

11. Which sea did the Israelites cross through to escape the Egyptians? _____

12. What is "more difficult than a camel going through the eye of a needle"?

SCRIPTURES OF THE MONTH

John 4: 34—37 (NKJV) ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'

Matthew 9: 36—38 (NKJV) ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Joel 3: 13 - 14 (NKJV) ¹³ Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness is great."
¹⁴ Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

BEING A WITNESS DESPITE YOUR CHAINS

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

Acts 16:25-34

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! ²⁷ The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." ³² And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. ³³ Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. ³⁴ He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

Many times, some of us find it difficult to be a blessing during the times of our difficulties. For some people their circumstance determines whether they pray or praise God.

In this scripture we see Paul and Silas humiliated and persecuted for setting a young girl free from the bondage of divination. The bondage of a slavery to a false god. Paul and Silas were wrongly accused and locked up, chain and barrel. Yet in the middle of their imprisonment and predicament, they prayed and sang praises to God. Paul and Silas were able to pray and praise God because their joy was not conditioned by their situation.

In the direst situation and circumstance, you will find that God has provided you with sufficient grace and a song for the situation.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 ⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. ⁹ Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

Paul and Silas realised that their prison experience was meant to bring God glory and in the midst of their predicament they chose to glorify God. Every day of our lives we come across people, individuals in chains and in prison. Most times just like Paul we are brought into their lives for a purpose and that purpose is for God to be glorified. When life becomes just about us, we fail to see what God is trying to do through us.

Jesus said in John 4:4 **He had to go through Samaria on the way.** Paul and Silas had to go through this prison in order to bring the jailer and his household to the Lord. The Bible says in prison, as they prayed and sang praises to God there was a massive earthquake and every one's hands were loosed. Paul and Silas' hands were loose, the prisoners' hands were loose. The Prison doors flung open because Paul and Silas refused to allow their own situation to dictate whether they will glorify God or not. This result helped to progress the gospel. The jailer asked one of the most important question any unbeliever would or should ask.

What must I do to be saved?

This gave Paul the opportunity to preach the gospel, which brought salvation to a whole household.

Does your circumstance dictate how you praise God?

Does your situation define your faith?

If we love God as much as we profess His love should compel us to preach the gospel in whatever situation we find ourselves. His love should bring us to that place of praising in Him in whatever situation we find ourselves. Then people will see and ask us about Him and we can boldly say to them like Paul and Silas did.

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." ³² And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household.

Remember,

People still need to know Christ despite your chains.

People still need to know Christ despite the persecutions you go through.

People will come to know Christ as they see you glorify God in spite of your situation.

Pray and sing praises to God despite your situation. You never can tell whose life God wants to touch through you. Your situation and response to it might be the next message that will stir someone up to ask you that all important question: ***"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"***



.....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...

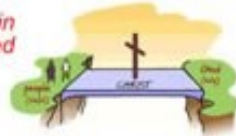
step 3

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)*

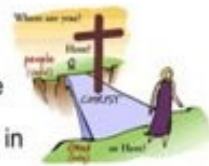
*"that if you confess with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
(Romans 10:9)*

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 **OCTOBER** and
Congratulations to all cel-
ebrating **Anniversaries**
this month!



TESTIMONIES



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

Please speak to one of the leaders before the services if you have a testimony or email info@wordoflife-icc.org if you would like to share your testimony.

WATER BAPTISM

If you have not been baptised in water since you gave your life to Jesus Christ we want to encourage you to do so. **Please speak with your cell leader or any of the leaders if you would like to be baptised.**



DEDICATIONS

If you would like to dedicate your baby or child to the Lord, we are able to do this on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and where applicable 5th Sundays of the month. Dedication forms are available from the Church Administrator.



SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



CDs of the Sunday preaching / teaching messages are available for sale each Sunday after the service: £2 per copy. Messages are also available to listen to on the church's website.

PARENTS

We ask parents to please kindly avoid giving / letting their children use mobile phones, consoles, iPads etc in the church services. We will also appreciate your help in making sure they do not play on the platform, altar area nor run around the church building. We want them as much as possible to participate fully in the service – through prayer, worship and hearing the Word of God.



MEMBERS

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



BUILDING/ENVIRONMENT MAINTENANCE

We continue to ask for your support and co-operation with the following:

- Your help in keeping the building tidy and clean. If you use any of the rooms or facilities, please do clear up after you and leave it in an excellent state.
- **Utilities:** Please can we all join together in taking responsibility for turning off lights, closing taps etc so we don't have high utility bills. Thank you for your help.
- **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.



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

Chi-Chi Oronsaye - Hospitality/Events

George Zammit - Evangelism

Yvonne Zammit - Welcome & Consolidation

Church Administrator

Shelly-Ann Sydial

Treasurer / Building & Venue Manager

Malach Airo

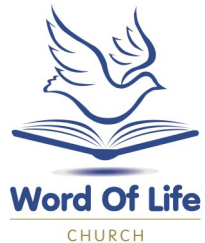
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Barbara Agbudeloye

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