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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

| | <i>Morning Service – 11am</i> | <i>Evening Service – 4pm</i> |
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| <i>Prelude</i> | <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | |
| <i>Call to Worship</i> | Psalm 32:1-2 | Psalm 89:15-18 |
| <i>Opening Hymn *</i> | RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?” | RHC 5 – “Command Thy Blessing From Above” |
| <i>Opening Prayer *</i> | John Poh | John Poh |
| <i>Gloria Patri *</i> | <i>Glory Be to the Father</i> | |
| <i>Responsive Reading</i> | Psalm 106 | Exodus 40:1-38 |
| <i>Second Hymn *</i> | <i>Psalm 106 verses 1-5, 47-48</i> (to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301) | RHC 113 – “It Is Glory Just to Walk with Him” |
| <i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i> | John Poh | John Poh |
| <i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i> | RHC 384 – “My Jesus I Love Thee” | --- |
| <i>Scriptural Text</i> | Matthew 14:1-12 | Exodus 38:1-20 |
| <i>Pastoral Prayer</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki |
| <i>Sermon Message</i> | <i>Herod and John the Baptist</i> | <i>The Tabernacle of God</i> |
| <i>Closing Hymn *</i> | RHC 429 – “We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought” | RHC 414 – “Is Your All on the Altar?” |
| <i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki |
| <i>Postlude</i> | <i>The Lord Bless You</i> | <i>May the Grace of Christ Our Savior</i> |

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Church Theme 2012 – “Have a Mind to Work” – Nehemiah 4:6

HOSPITALITY AND VISITATION

The following article is an excerpt from the Lively Hope (08/01/2012). I think that it is an important topic we all need to consider. The article begins: Christmas – New Year period is a time of year which many people see as a good time to get together. Some people organise dinners, BBQs and lunches while others go visiting friends and family to give gifts. These are examples of hospitality and visitation but these can be ministries rather than just social activities.

Hospitality in the Bible

Romans 12:13b tells us that we should be “given to hospitality” and it is listed in the qualifications for bishops (overseers/elders) in 1 Timothy (3:2) and Titus (1:7-8) so it is definitely a desirable characteristic. So what is it? Hospitality is the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers. There are many examples of hospitality in the Bible. In Genesis 18:1-8 we read of Abraham looking out of his tent door in the heat of the day, seeing three men and going to meet them and inviting them to refresh themselves and have a meal with him. These men turned out to be angels. We have the example of the Shunammite woman in 2 Kings 4:8-10 who regularly invited Elisha to eat in her house whenever he passed by and then asked her husband to set up a room for Elisha to stay in. She wanted it to be a place of rest, asking for it to be furnished with a bed, table, stool and candlestick. Acts 16:14-15 tells us of Lydia inviting Paul and his companions to her home.

Who should we show hospitality to?

Abraham showed hospitality to strangers. The author of Hebrews encourages us to “entertain strangers” as a way of continuing brotherly love (Hebrews 13:1-2). How does showing hospitality continue brotherly love? Well, firstly it gives an opportunity to show kindness to someone else. Then it will often enable you to get to know them better, thus enabling you to know their needs and to pray for them better. Sharing a meal can help people to “open up” and share more. It may also encourage them to show hospitality to others and so brotherly love continues. Lydia and the Shunammite woman showed hospitality to servants of the Lord. Occasionally we have visiting pastors, speakers or missionaries. Having fellowship with different people allows us to share about our different ministries and to learn from each other. In this way we are all blessed.

In the Gospel of Luke Jesus tells us to show hospitality to the poor. “Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” Proverbs 25:21-22 says, “If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward thee.” So we should even be hospitable to our enemies. Now, this isn't for the purpose of bringing destruction upon them, but to show love to them. Matthew 5:44 says, “But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;” Then verse 45 gives the reason why, “That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” There's an example of showing hospitality to enemies in 2 Kings 6. The Syrian army got blinded and ended up captive in Samaria. The King of Israel asked the prophet Elisha if he should smite them and Elisha told him not to. Instead he was instructed to give them bread and water and send them back to their master. They never came back to bother Israel.

How can we show hospitality?

1 Peter 4:9-10. "Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." Those who are able can invite people over or out for a meal. We have international students and others in our church with no family or extended family who would appreciate such a kindness. Sometimes we have people visiting from overseas or interstate who require help with accommodation. Not everyone has their own house with room for guests or spare money to take people out but we all have an opportunity to show hospitality each week when there are visitors in church. If you say hello and introduce yourself, invite them to join us for lunch and sit with them you can make them feel more welcome.

Visitation

Visitation is another way to show brotherly kindness to our brethren and God's love to the lost. Visitation is not just a work for pastors. It is for everyone, even children. Visiting people shows that they are thought about and cared for. Like showing hospitality it is a way to get know people better, it can open the door for evangelism and it can be a mutual blessing. I know quite often the person doing the visiting feels that they are the one who has been blessed.

Who needs visiting?

James 1: 27 says "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." We do have widows, widowers and fatherless in our congregation. We also have others who are grieving or lonely and could do with some company and encouragement. Matthew 25:36 talks about visiting the sick. James advises the sick to call the elders to come and pray over them (5:14) and we are all encouraged to pray for one another (5:16). The sick may be in hospital, nursing home or their own home. If you aren't sure who to visit, you can ask Pastor for suggestions.

What should we do when visiting?

What you do and how long you stay will depend upon who you are visiting and why. In any case, it is good to pray before going. If you can, then pray while you are there and read some scripture. It can be a time to talk but also to listen. Sometimes it is appropriate to bring something you can leave behind, for example: flowers, a card, food, church bulletin or a tract. For those who can sing you can bring a hymnal to sing songs which will encourage the person you are visiting. Being sick helps us to see our frailty. It can make people take stock of their life and think of heaven (or at least the end of their life) more. For those who are saved it is good to encourage them by reminding them of God's grace, sovereignty, power and care. For the lost who have never thought about God or eternity before, sickness may make them more inclined to do so or more open to hearing God's Word. We should make use of these opportunities.

When should we visit?

Visitation requires a time commitment. You can't go if you aren't free but these days our lives are often so filled with things that we feel we don't have any free time. You need to set aside a time, it can be day time, night time, weekend and find out when the person is free too. Maybe you can go once a week or maybe just once a month or once every few months, but I would encourage you to make some time to go on visitation. Often it is good to go with someone else or a few other people. Sometimes there are visitations organised by different fellowship groups in church. Keep a look out for them and join in. Please read Matthew 25:31-40.

What can you do for Christ?

Dns. Purdee Yeo

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

| APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK | | | WELCOME |
|---|---------------------------|---|--|
| Fri 27 Jan | 7:00pm | Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>God's Purpose for Syria</i> - Mr Stephen Toms | We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Doris Lim to our worship services last Lord's Day. |
| Sat 28 Jan | 4:00pm | Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>"Eschatology"</i> | |
| <i>Next Lord's Day</i> | <i>Morning Service</i> | <i>Evening Service</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">LORD'S DAY DUTIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 22/01/2012</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Joy <i>Pianist:</i> Anthony <i>Ushers:</i> Alan / Margaret <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Joy <i>Lunch:</i> CNY Carry-In <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Jonathan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 29/01/2012</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Joy <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Yetta <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Joy <i>Lunch:</i> Volunteers <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Lee Wei / Yangfan</p> |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Rev Timothy Ki | Rev Timothy Ki | |
| <i>Message</i> | Miracle Over a Small Meal | The Tabernacle of God | |
| <i>Text</i> | Matthew 14:13-21 | Exodus 25:23-40 | |
| NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Elder Chew will be leading a study on <i>"Dragon Woman and Child"</i>. • Saturday Bible Study: This coming Saturday will see Pastor Ki continue with the study on <i>"Eschatology"</i>. • Church cleaning next Saturday: For those who wish to volunteer, please see Hannah or Mrs Ki. Please meet up in Church at 12pm. • Ladies Fellowship next Sunday: Please see Mrs Ki for more information. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Jonathan's father, Brian, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Helen, Susan. • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Sonia, Nana, Samuel, Sharon, John & Tobias, Daniel & Maureen, Mrs Chew. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Rachael, Michelle. | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £827.96, Lunch: £60 Mission Fund: £50.02</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attendance - Morning: 40 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 25 (A) 3 (C)</p> | | | |

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 1

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Comments:

The *chief end* of a thing means the *chief purpose for which it is made*. For instance, the chief end of a window is to let in light. Man's chief end is *to serve* God; and if he do so faithfully on earth, he will be happy with him for ever in heaven.

Proofs:

1 Corinthians 10:31, Revelation 7:15-17

MEMORY VERSE

| Last Week | This Week | Next Week |
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| <p><i>"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."</i></p> <p>Matthew 9:37</p> | <p><i>"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."</i></p> <p>Matthew 9:38</p> | <p><i>"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."</i></p> <p>Matthew 16:15-16</p> |