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

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LORD’S DAY 15 DECEMBER 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-2

Psalm 96:1-4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 163 – “Angels, from the
Realms of Glory”

RHC 161 – “There’s a Song in
the Air!”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 48

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 48 verses 1-5, 10-14
(to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 160 – “As with Gladness
Men of Old”

Scriptural Text

Psalm 56:8

Job 19:25

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Aaron Lewis

Rev Aaron Lewis

Sermon Message

*My wanderings, my tears, my
Heavenly Father*

Looking to, and seeing Jesus

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 359 – “My Faith Looks Up
to Thee”

RHC 87 – “I Know Whom I
Have Believed”

*Benediction/3-Fold
Amen **

Rev Aaron Lewis

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

ONLY TEN DAYS AWAY

My Dear Readers,

15-12-2013 ANTICIPATION -- In only ten days, it will be that time to visit, to remember, to share, to celebrate, to But in the meantime what are you doing to prepare for the Christmas season? We remember the conversation with Pastor Ki in November when he told of having anticipated being with you all in London for a special time this Christmas. It remains to be seen if those he suggested should stand in for him in cooking Christmas Day will do so or not. But even at that time in our meeting there was a sense of anticipation. For many of us there are increased pressures at this season. Shopping, travel, parties, and more fill our schedules for unexplained reasons. Just before Thanksgiving Day, observed the fourth Thursday of November in the United States of America, a friend who was visiting from England noticed many newspaper advertisements for Black Friday. He wondered what that was about. I explained that the Friday after Thanksgiving Day is a huge shopping day where merchants hope to ignite an upswing in their sales as the year concludes. Some stores open on the evening of Thanksgiving Day to begin early. Others offer enormous discounts or things like free big screen televisions to the first twenty customers when the doors open at 5:00 AM on Black Friday. Some people are so eager to get their special deal that they will camp out in front of the store for days to assure their place for the following day. Yes, they will cook and eat their Thanksgiving Day meal over a camp stove to be sure to get their coveted item. Merchants work this system well. If they have been running a deficit (in the red) they hope to have such robust sales that they end the year making a profit (in the black). My Englishman friend's question did not make as much sense to me until this past Friday when I saw an advertisement for the National Express bus service, noting a sale for Black Friday, as in Friday, December 13th. The same terms are used for two different emphases. In the USA, it relates to the god of materialism. In the UK the term relates to the god of superstition and fear. In both settings, the themes compete with our Lord's instruction to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness... (Matthew 6:33).

Consider, this can be a time of wonderful reflections on the promises of Scripture of the coming of our Lord Jesus as the answer to the whole problem of human rebellion. Genesis 3:15 promised that God would send a deliverer to defeat Satan, the arch enemy of our souls, who had seduced Eve and Adam into rebellion against God who had created them in His own image. Many years later, He spoke to a man in Ur of the Chaldees (the area of modern Iraq) named Abram and called him to go to a country distant from his own and there He would make of him a great nation. Through that family, all families of the earth would be blessed. (Genesis 12:1-3). In the Hebrew Scriptures we have the account of that family's development against enormous odds, both from enemies without and from subtle temptations to idolatry in their own hearts. God provided stipulations for them to know what was right from what was wrong. He even provided a system of sacrifices that would enable them to experience forgiveness and have a relationship with God in the time before the coming of the promised Deliverer. The Scriptures foretold that this victorious deliverer would come from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10) *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.* He would arise from the obscure town known as Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*

We learn also that His coming would be most unusual, He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.* – The precise word translated in English as *virgin* is from the Hebrew language which is *almah* and means: *a young woman of marriageable age, one of whose characteristics is that she is a virgin.* We further learn that He would grow up in rather unremarkable, largely ignored circumstances, as a root out of dry ground (Isaiah 53:1-3).

Generation after generation came and went. Kings, Priests, and Prophets served their generations and died. Governments arose and fell. History seemed to move without any purpose. Would the Messiah ever come? But there was a statement in Ezekiel 21:27 where God had promised: *I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.* The faithful ones of God's people were anticipating the coming of the Messiah, their Deliverer who would save them from their oppressors and their sins. Many a Jewish girl wondered if she would be the one to give birth to the promised one. How overwhelming it must have been when the angel Gabriel visited a young virgin named Mary in Nazareth, an obscure village in Galilee, and announced to her that she had found favour with God and would give birth to a son and call his name JESUS. *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.* Mary inquired of the angel how this could be, given that she had not been in any intimate relationship with a man. The angel assured her that the Holy Spirit would miraculously overshadow her and the child would be conceived in her without her ceasing to be a virgin. The one she would bear would *be called the Son of God.* Gabriel concluded with the assurance: *For with God, nothing shall be impossible.* Mary replied, *Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word* (Luke 1:26-38). Think on this. She willingly said, "Yes!" in response to the assignment that the Lord had given her. Talk about anticipation!

I appeal to you to ponder these great truths! We easily become so overwhelmed with other things that we forget the grand message of God's good news. The late, Rev. (Dr.) Timothy Tow used to refer to Christmas as God's Amnesty to men. He described amnesty as forgiveness. What wonderful news that for all who will believe on Jesus, God's virgin born Son who came to earth to live a life of perfect obedience and to die as the atoning sacrifice for the rebellion of humankind, and arose from the grave in triumph, God promises forgiveness and eternal life. As the Apostle Paul taught us in Philippians 4:9: Think on these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Your brother, CTM

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
Wed 18 Dec No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Fri 20 Dec No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 21 Dec 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 15/12/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: John Organist: Jasmine Pianist: Sarah Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 22/12/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: John / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Christmas Carry-In Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott</p>
Message	When the fullness of the time was come	The man God chose to raise His Son	
Text	Galatians 4	Matthew 1:18	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Elizabeth. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Yangfan, Matthew. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Rev Colin Wong as our resident minister. • Church cleaning after lunch today. • Next Lord's Day Offering will be used for a love gift to Hilltop Ministries, Philippines to help aid their ministry after Typhoon Haiyan. • There will be No Christmas Day Service.
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £824.16; Lunch: £31.40</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 29 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 4 (C)</p>

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 101

Q: What do we pray for in the First Petition?

A: In the First Petition – (which is, HALLOWED BE THY NAME) – we pray, That God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; - and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

Comments:

A petition means *something asked*. In the Lord's Prayer there are six petitions – the first three being about God, and the last three about ourselves. In the first of these petitions we ask two things: that God's name be hallowed or glorified by all *men*, and that it be hallowed or glorified by all *events*.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 67:3, Romans 11:36

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."</i></p> <p>Psalm 75:7</p>	<p><i>"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."</i></p> <p>Proverbs 3:5</p>	<p><i>"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."</i></p> <p>Proverbs 3:6</p>