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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 16 JUNE 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Isaiah 40:9-11	Isaiah 55:6-7
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 344 – “The Lord’s My Shepherd”	RHC 282 – “Christ Receiveth Sinful Men”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Alan Blaney	Alan Blaney
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 22	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 22 verses 1-6</i> (to the tune of St Agnes, RHC 57)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Alan Blaney	Alan Blaney
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 136 – “Come, Ye Thankful People”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 21:23-32	Judges 6
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Question of Jesus’ Authority</i>	<i>Gideon</i>
<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 384 – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”	RHC 323 – “Trust and Obey”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</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 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

AN URGENT APPEAL FOR HOLY LIVING

By Rev Peter Chua. Adapted from Evangel Bible-Presbyterian Church Weekly dated 5th May 2013

The appeal to live a holy life runs right through the Bible. “Be ye holy, because I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16). Here the Apostle Peter was re-stating God’s command in Leviticus 11:44, a command that was repeated in the Psalms and in the prophecies of the Old Testament. Phillips translates it this way, “You are to be holy in every department of your lives”. We live in an evil world, surrounded by ungodly influences. How is this possible?

Enoch lived in the days before the flood, a time when “The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Gen. 6:5). Yet the Bible tells us that “Enoch walked with God three hundred years” (Gen. 5:22).

As God’s children, we should live holy lives. We are “partakers of the divine nature (1 Peter 1:4) and ought to reveal the nature in godly living. We should pursue holiness in every aspect of our life because our God is holy. Henceforth, let us walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.” Let us walk in holiness of life because we are created “in righteous and true holiness” (Ephesians 4:17, 24). What are the marks of a holy life?

Guard Your Speech

Knowing that God is holy and He is everywhere, we should follow David’s prayer in Psalm 141:3 “Set a watch (guard), O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips”. Lies, gossip, unkind remarks, off-colour jokes, angry words, vulgar comments, and disrespectful use of the Lord’s name should never come from our lips. If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that some of our conversation is nothing more than careless talk. The Lord Jesus warned, “That every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment” (Matthew 12:36). Remember, God is listening.

Our tongues need to be under the control of the Holy Spirit. When Isaiah saw God’s holiness, he was convicted chiefly of the way he had been using his. The prophet could not afford to be careless about the way he used his tongue, or he would have forfeited the privilege of being God’s spokesman.

Watchman Nee has said in *The Normal Christian Worker*, “If a Christian worker talks inadvisably about all sorts of thing, how can he expect to be used of the Lord in the utterance of His Word? If God has ever put His Word on our lips, then a solemn obligation is upon us to guard these lips for His service alone. We cannot offer a member of our body for His use one day and the next day take it back for use at our own discretion. Whatever is once presented to Him is eternally His”.

Protect Your Sight

There is nothing that can escape God's eyes. Hebrews 4:13 says, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do". Our eyes need to be disciplined in what they are permitted to look at and read – especially in these days. Many servants of God have fallen into immorality because they did not habitually control their eyes. Our constant prayer should be "turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way" (Psa. 119:37). The godly man looks to God for direction and service. His desire is to glorify God in all that he does. Let us remember that the greatness in man's eyes does not always mean greatness in God's eyes.

A.W. Tozer once said that after thirty years of observing the religious scene, he had been forced to conclude that saintliness and church leadership were not often synonymous. The greatest saints are found in many unknown congregations. May God grant us the spiritual insight to have the holy desire of our hearts to be like John the Baptist. There was a reason why John the Baptist was great in God's eyes. John's passion in life as he expressed it himself, was that Christ might increase and that he himself might decrease (Jn. 3:30). He constantly sought to fade into the background so that Jesus might have the prominence.

Watch Your Step

We are being watched all the time by strangers, acquaintances, friends and family members. What is the impression we make upon others? Do they consider us as merely smart, witty and eloquent or perhaps as having dynamic personalities? These qualities are essential and excellent when found in salesmen, but we are not called to be salesmen. We are called to be primarily holy men and women of God.

Although people may look on the outward appearance, God looks into the hearts of men. Jesus condemned the Pharisees in Matthew 23:27-28, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." In Jesus' day, the scribes and Pharisees were hypocrites who concentrated on the appearance of holiness while neglecting heart-holiness (Matthew 23:25). When the light of Jesus shone on them, He revealed the truth about their outwardly religious life. He didn't say these external acts were necessarily wrong, but they were wrongfully used as a cover-up for wickedness.

Keeping up the appearance of what is holy is right but pretending our hearts are clean is hypocrisy. Paul prayed that the Thessalonian believers would be blameless and live in a way that pleases God (1 Th. 3:13; 4:1). He didn't mean that believers should be perfect – we can't be. But when we become aware that we have sinned, we must confess it, ask God's forgiveness, and forsake it – even a little sin. With God's help we can live blameless in holiness before our God.

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 19 June No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Gabriel Choo & wife to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 21 June No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 22 June 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 16/06/2013</u> Chairman: Alan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Jonathan / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Hannah Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Message	The God of History Who Knows Us	Living with Eternity's Values in View	
Text	Amos 2:6-16	2 Corinthians 4:17-5:10	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the study on "Anthropology" – The Doctrine of the Man. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Pastor Ki, Hannah, Eld Chew's mother, Tobias, John. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta. • Pray for those on travel: Pastor & Mrs Ki, Sarah. • London Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology 2nd - 4th July 2013 - Recovery from Spiritual Decline. • The Church would like to wish all fathers a "Blessed Fathers' Day". 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 23/06/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Joy Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Tom / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Joy Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Yangfan</p>
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £836.79, Lunch: £46.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 40 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 23 (A) 2 (C)</p>	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 74

Q: What is required in the Eighth Commandment?

A: The Eight Commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Scriptural Reference:

Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:28

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."</i></p> <p>Philippians 4:19</p>	<p><i>"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."</i></p> <p>James 1:14</p>	<p><i>"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."</i></p> <p>Romans 1:21</p>