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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 17 NOVEMBER 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>	Psalm 9:1-2	Psalm 34:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 18 – “Come, Thou Almighty King”	RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 44	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 44 verses 1-8</i> (to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 395 – “A Heart Like Thine” <i>verses 1-3</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Jeremiah 10:1-16	1 Samuel 17:1-58
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Uniqueness of Biblical Christianity in a Multi-Faith Society</i>	<i>David and Goliath</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 102 – “O It Is Wonderful”	RHC 80 – “The Day Thou Gavest, Lord”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson	Dr Stephen Scott-Pearson
<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

My Dear Reader,

THE CHURCH CHRIST IS BUILDING

17-11-2013 For the past several weeks in our pre-lunch Bible Studies we looked at the doctrine of the Church. We worked through the foundational idea of the church in Matthew 16. With the massive wall of rock behind them in Caesarea Philippi, Peter had announced that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus responded by commending Peter for his confession, noting that the information had not originated with Peter, but had been special information given by God the Father in heaven. Jesus then declared that He would build His church, on this rock, the sure foundation of the His deity. As the sure ROCK, He must support everything that the Lord's people are to be and to do in this present age. He assured His disciples that the gates (ruling powers) of hell would not succeed in overthrowing His church. Jesus called attention to the name Peter, which means little stone. We learned from 1 Peter 2 that people who form the body of Christ are like small, but living stones. We noted the uniqueness of each stone in contrast to pre-cast concrete blocks, but the unique stones join together to form the church.

In our further studies we saw that the church in the New Testament context is made up of people from diverse backgrounds, who formerly had been counted as strangers to the gospel and to Jesus Christ. They had no interest in the Bible or the Lord and certainly no inner desire for doing the things that please the Lord. But now, because of the work of God in their hearts, they have been brought into a joyful united relationship with God and with other Christians around the person and work of Jesus Christ.

We noted that references to being peculiar people, in 1 Peter 2:9, does not mean Christians are *weird* in the way they live and relate to the world. They live in a counter cultural way because their directives come from the Word of God, the Bible, rather than the prevailing attitudes and considerations of the popular culture around them. The Christian's lifestyle and attitude toward others is to be a noticeable contrast where they live. At the time after His Second Coming when Jesus calls all humankind to be judged, they will glorify the Lord because of what they have seen in the lives of Christians they knew.

We then turned to the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he described out common condition of being physically alive but dead in trespasses and sins. God had every right to leave us in that condition, but because of the richness of His mercy and grace, He made us spiritually alive in Christ Jesus. Salvation is of God, not of ourselves. None of us can boast of having been able to merit salvation. We are saved, not simply to have our "ticket punched" to enable us to go to heaven. Oh, we have a final home in heaven to be sure, but there is a task for us to do on earth while we are still here. Ephesians 2:10 instructs us that, *We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.* God has a task to be done in this world. We, who know Him through Jesus Christ, are part of His mission to impact the world for His name. When we go out and about in our day to day lives, we are on display as belonging to Him. As a consequence our lives either become a good recommendation for Him or we can detract from Him.

Last Sunday we would have gone further in our study, but there was a very important meeting of the congregation. How good it was to see and hear from Pastor and Mrs. Ki in Adelaide, Australia (where it was 1:00 AM Monday, their local time). Thank you to Jonathan and all who arranged for the meeting and the technical parts of the meeting. As a result of what we learned in the meeting, next Lord's Day, you will gather to vote on calling a new resident pastor to serve Christ with you. For some of you, this is a transition like others you have faced in walking with the Lord. For others, this is a new experience and one you are not really sure about. Let me take a few moments to offer an explanation.

The Apostle Peter wrote to the spiritual leaders of congregations in his letter to churches, *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away* (1 Peter 5:2-4). Jesus, the Chief Shepherd of the Church raises up men to serve as under-shepherds under His oversight to serve and lead a congregation. He continues to monitor what is happening in His church and will hold those in leadership accountable for the care and leadership they give to the church. Faithful service will result in their receiving appropriate recognition when He returns. Serving in the ministry is a high, holy, and demanding calling. There is nothing quite like the privilege and responsibility of caring for a group of people, of preparing sermons from the Bible to teach people how to walk with God based upon what He has said, and how we are to live before our neighbors. Having a resident pastor is a great blessing to a congregation.

As a congregation you have been asked to pray earnestly for the Task Force and the matter of calling another pastor to serve Christ with you in the community of Queens Park. This is an essential time for this church. Pray earnestly for the Lord's selection and direction. Pray for the Lord's special ministry to bring you together in agreement for the meeting next Lord's Day. You are blessed in having a qualified candidate to serve Christ with you. No two pastors are identical. As I wrote a few weeks back, no one will exactly replace Rev. and Mrs. Timothy Ki. They were wonderfully gifted for serving the congregation as they did. Yet as Pastor Ki rightly reminded us last week, the Lord has permitted the circumstances requiring them to return to Australia. So now we must look to the Lord and trust Him for the future of the ministry here. Please pray earnestly and know that many brothers and sisters around the globe will be praying with you in this important time. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that... the world through Him might be saved.

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 20 Nov		No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Gunalan & Family, and Francisco to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 22 Nov	7:00pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony	
Sat 23 Nov	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	<u>TODAY: 17/11/2013</u> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Sarah Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Rachael Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Yangfan <u>NEXT WEEK: 24/11/2013</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: John / Margaret Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Volunteers Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Message	Four Tests of Spirituality	Doest thou well to be angry?	
Text	James 1	Jonah 3 & 4	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Prayer: There will be a short time of prayer before lunch. • 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. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Hannah, Joy. • ECM Sunday 24th November: Church Members, please note that there will be an ECM after morning service next Sunday.
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £714.01, Lunch: £41.50, Agape Fund: £100</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 27 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 4 (C)</p>

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 97

Q: What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

A: It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgement to themselves.

Comments:

We are here taught the proper qualifications for receiving the Lord's Supper. They are: 1. *Knowledge* sufficient to understand what is represented by it; 2. *Faith* sufficient to believe that as the bread which we eat sustains our bodies, so the Bread of Life which it represents will sustain our souls; 3. *Repentance* from all known sin; 4. *Love* to God and man; 5. A resolution henceforth to act up to every known *duty*.

Scriptural Reference:

1 Corinthians 11:28, 29, 2 Corinthians 13:5, 1 Corinthians 5:8

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."</i></p> <p>Romans 13:1</p>	<p><i>"Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."</i></p> <p>Romans 13:2</p>	<p><i>"Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck."</i></p> <p>Psalm 75:5</p>