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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 10 AUGUST 2014

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-4

Psalm 116:1-2

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”

RHC 3 – “Love Divine”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 81

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 81 verses 1-10
(to the tune of All Saints, RHC 562)

*Announcements &
Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 90 – “Love Lifted Me”

Scriptural Text

Amos 8:9-14

John 13:36-38

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

When the Food Supply Runs Low

*Do You Know Your Own
Heart?*

The Lord's Supper

Dr Carl Martin

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 173 – “There Is a Fountain”

RHC 395 – “A Heart Like
Thine”

Benediction/3-Fold

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Amen **

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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18

UNDERSTANDING WHAT WE READ

My Dear Reader,

10-08-2014 Last Monday my wife, our daughter Heidi, and I went to get several items from a grocery store near the church. As we walked my wife asked a question I could not answer: "What was that sign warning about with the £50,000 fine?" She and Heidi had noticed the warning prominently posted on a place that I had not even seen. Having promised to look at it on our way back to the church, I saw it too. The sign even includes the promise that if you violated the law you would be caught. What does the sign say? NO FLY TIPPING ALLOWED. As we walked, we tried even more to be law abiding guests in the borough but that would not help us if we unintentionally broke the law, besides, we surely do not have £50,000 to pay the fine. Was it something about killing a fly, is that illegal in London? Or was it something about tipping in a restaurant? Did it have something to do with tipping ones hat? Was it some immoral gesture? What was this warning all about? Thankfully I was able to stop a man, the only man walking on the sidewalk at that time, who was carrying an Argos box. I asked if he could help us understand what we were reading. Hearing my accent may have helped him to be charitable, but at any rate he cordially gave the response, "That is for dumping rubbish on the street. It is to warn contractors who may think they can get away with dumping their construction waste on the street rather than taking it to a place for proper disposal." Whew, we could walk on without fear of breaking that law, now that I knew what it required. I gladly thanked him for his help and walked on. Since my childhood I have tried to avoid littering at all, let alone dumping construction waste!!

Are we careful to communicate so that others understand what we write or say? Often there are breakdowns in our communication. For example, one of my friends in Cambridge is from Slovakia. He and his wife have been blessed with three sons, a one year old and twins under two months of age. His mother-in-law has come from Slovakia to help them. We struggle to communicate because I do not speak Slovenian nor does she speak much English. Others speak other languages that I am equally unable to understand, let alone speak. That is part of living in our world since the tower of Babel in Genesis 11 when languages were confounded. Yet there are times when even those speaking the same language do not understand each other. For example, I heard of a child whose father was the speaker at a camp. The camp had a sign posted that said, "FRESH SOIL - NO CLIMBING ON THE BANK." As the family was heading into the camp dining hall, there was a long queue. So the children saw some green grass and went for a run on the hillside. About that time, the camp director came out and chided the children for having been on the bank when the sign warned them not to play on the bank where there was new turf. Rather embarrassed, the father reprimanded the child and went to discipline him for his disobedience. When the father and the child were alone, the child asked, "Dad, what is a bank?" You see, they were a missionary family and they lived out of the country where they were visiting. Where they lived, a bank was a building where people exchange money. In the community where the camp was meeting, a bank included the place for exchanging money, but also it was used for an incline or small hill. Thankfully that father was wise enough to hear what his son asked before he mistakenly disciplined him for disobedience. Hopefully he also explained the meaning to the camp director. In our efforts to communicate, we should go further and strive to communicate so we are not misunderstood.

In Acts 8 we read of the amazing response to the gospel preaching of Philip in Samaria. The Holy Spirit prompted him to depart from Samaria and head to the area near Gaza, the same area where there has been such intense recent conflict in the Middle East. As he went he met up with a man very powerful political leader from Ethiopia who was returning from a time of worship in Jerusalem. The Ethiopian was reading from the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures). We are not told how Philip knew what he was reading. Was he reading aloud so that Philip heard him? Again, we are not told that detail. What we do know is that Philip asked him if he understood what he was reading (8:30). The man responded, "How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him." Off they went for an evangelistic Bible study. As they rode along the Lord was using Philip to explain the way of salvation to this powerful and influential leader of a foreign government. According to the account, the Ethiopian was reading from Isaiah 52-53, the very passage that teaches of the atoning work of a person for rebellious and sinful people. From there, Philip explained the way of salvation, how that Jesus was the fulfilment of that prediction and that all who believe in Him would be forgiven of their sins and would enter into the benefits of being part of his family. God used the time to bring truth to bear in the man's thinking. He believed on Jesus and wanted to identify with Him in baptism.

This should encourage you that there are people all around us who are searching for truth, but do not know where to find it. They may even be reading the message of Scripture, but may not be able to understand what they are reading. That is where you and I can be involved in their lives by learning the Word ourselves and then taking what we know and teaching it to others we meet. We are not to simply take the things we learn and store them up in ourselves. God has called us to help others learn about Him through what He has revealed in His Word.

Say, is there something we can help you better understand about God and His Word? Come around to our Saturday afternoon Bible Study and Prayer Meeting and don't miss out on our regular services. We seek to preach and teach the Word of God because lives for eternity are at stake.

Your grateful brother – Carl T. Martin

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
Tues 12 Aug 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 15 Aug No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 16 Aug 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: 10/08/2014</u> <i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Jasmine <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Constance <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Rachael <i>Lunch:</i> Jasmine <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott
Message	What about the Next Generation?	Assurance for Troubled Hearts	
Text	Amos 8:13-14	John 14:1-3	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week's study will be led by Dr Martin. • 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, Scott, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Jonathan, Daniel, Yetta. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia, Magdalene. • Pray for those on travel: Evelyn, Beth & Heidi Martin, Margaret. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Pr Mok Chee Cheong as our resident minister, and that the visa application will be accepted and completed without delay. 	<u>NEXT WEEK: 17/08/2014</u> <i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Jasmine <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Yetta <i>Sunday School:</i> Hannah / Rachael <i>Lunch:</i> Maureen <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1189, Lunch: £54.00 Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 22 (A) 4 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 28

Q: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A: Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Comments:

Exaltation means a rising from meanness to greatness. Christ's exaltation consists in the following particulars: 1. In rising from the dead; 2. In ascending up into heaven; 3. In sitting at God's right hand; 4. In being appointed to judge the world. This is the state in which our Saviour is now.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:6, Mark 16:19, Matthew 25:31-32

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." Psalm 145:3	"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16	"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world." 1 John 4:17