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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

### *Morning Service – 11am*

### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 97:1-6

Psalm 146:1-2

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 217 – “Rejoice – the Lord Is King!”

RHC 93 – “To God Be the Glory”

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 94

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 94 verses 1-2, 14-15*  
(to the tune of Beatitudo, RHC 63)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 183 – “Jesus Paid It All”

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*Scriptural Text*

Colossians 1:21-23

John 15:1-3

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Sermon Message*

*Being Reconciled to God*

*The Quest for Spiritual Effectiveness*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 448 – “The King’s Business”

RHC 414 – “Is Your All on the Altar?”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* 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**

# THE HEARTBEAT OF ETERNITY

My Dear Reader,

16-11-2014 A quiet, rather unassuming girl came to me the other year, asking what I thought about her going to a Middle Eastern nation to serve for the summer. With further information I urged her to go and prayed for her in the time of preparation and actual going. That year she went to Jordan to serve on a team, seeking to reach out to the Muslim majority population. Her summer was anything but easy, yet in the process the Lord had done something in her heart and life of seeing the great need for people to come to know the Lord through the saving work of Jesus Christ. She was aware that three of our daughters were serving in places in Asia with a similar commitment to advance the good news about Jesus Christ and the promises He made for all who believe on Him, but her burden was for the people of the Middle East.

Upon graduating from college, this same young woman, served in a ministry to prepare for further outreach in the Middle East, if the Lord so directed. Those who served with her and those who oversaw her concluded that she should pursue application for longer term service. I was asked to answer many more questions about her and to give my assessment if she should be sent to serve. In full support, I endorsed her going. When she went to meet with those searching for candidates to go, there were more than 400 positions to be filled but only 68 applicants!! Through a combination of things, she was selected to go to North Africa to serve. You are likely aware of the context of turmoil in Northern Africa in these past few years with things like Arab Spring and revolutions having taken place. Yet, right through those experiences, my former student has served faithfully and has seen relationships built for introducing people to the God of the Bible through the merit of His Son, Jesus Christ. All communications have had to be carefully screened to protect her in this very volatile region. Prayer has gone up to God for her and He has answered in so many wonderful ways. This month, her time of service there concludes. Hopefully she will return safely to the United States, but I am not eager for her to simply return to look for a "safe" life. As of the moment she is considering seeking further training. May she continue to have a fruitful and profitable impact on lives for eternity wherever she goes.

Last week in our Thursday evening Bible study, we noted the verses that relate the call of the first disciples to follow Jesus. When He called them from a life vocation of being fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He told them they were to follow Him and become "fishers of men." At once they left their work of caring for the fishing business to follow Jesus. In August 1973 I was challenged by Richard Seymour from this passage. He inquired: "Are you a follower of Jesus? – Are you fishing for men? – If you are following Jesus, you will be fishing for men. Conversely, if you are not fishing for men, then you are not following Jesus." That encompasses all of life. Daily, we meet people who are headed into eternity. The death rate is still 1:1 – every person who has been born has an appointment with death.

But you may ask, where does this involve one going? We are not told where they anticipated this new vocation to take them, but they likely had the boundaries of Palestine or the Middle East in mind. Both James and John were home raised sons who had been included in the family trade of fishing, working under their father's oversight. Most families continued in their home region within a few kilometres from their birthplace from one generation to the next. These new followers of Jesus would not find out then but later they would learn that, rather than just the region of Galilee or even the land of Israel, they were sent from Jerusalem to the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Neither of them knew when they began to follow Jesus what they would be called upon to do. Nor could they have known that their lives would end so differently. – (James became one of the first martyrs of the Christian church, when King Herod executed him (Acts 12:1-2). But John would serve for a time in Palestine before moving to Ephesus where he continued to minister until nearly the end of the first century (Revelation 1).

The advance of the Gospel has been at the heart of ministry in the Bible Presbyterian Church since her founding. The denomination really arose from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, an agency established to enable men and women with a commitment to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ who had been commissioned by their congregations to take that message of Christ to the whole world. Their first outreach in London began about seventy years ago to evangelize the Polish immigrant population. Most recently, Pastor and Mrs. Ki were supported in their work here under that same mission. In the interest of the advance of the Gospel, our monthly Ladies Fellowship which meets the last Sunday of each month, takes time to pray for missionaries and their ministries. Ladies, if you do not attend the Ladies Fellowship, please reconsider and plan to be at the next one. But prayer for missionaries is not just for ladies. Families and individuals should be vitally committed to praying for missionaries and for the mission of the church as a whole. In some degree, we who know Christ savingly are all on a mission to advance His work. As we approach the Christmas season, reflect on the gift God gave for our salvation, namely His Son. As one writer has argued, *It is not that God has a mission for His Church, but that He has a Church for His Mission, to reach a lost world for Himself.* Let us redouble our commitment to live 24/7 as those who are part of that Mission.

In some capacity, today we are bidding one of our young ladies to a new venture in following Jesus. Jasmine Blundell has been nurtured in the Gospel through the ministry of the congregation and Pastor and Mrs. Ki. Following their return to Adelaide, she has become an integral part of the ministry here in Queens Park while completing her university education. She has served in numerous ways beside Preacher Mok and Auntie Carol, and in the months since her graduation. We will surely miss her energetic participation in the gatherings of the church and her genuine care for those who worship with us, demonstrated in many ways. Thank you Jasmine!

How wonderful it would be if she could continue to serve and grow in grace here. But now we must commend her to God and to the new chapter that He is leading her into. Like my former student, she is going to an area of the world dominated by Islam. She enters a nation that provides a measure of freedom for worship but within definite boundaries for Gospel witness. As she has helped us to care about the unreached peoples around us, so may the Lord bless her and continue to develop her into a mighty servant who lives with the heartbeat of eternity pulsating through all she does, wherever she goes, whether in the arts, the marketplace, public transit, or her home. Would you commit yourself to pay for her that she will ever follow Christ and seek to win others to Him? Will you commit yourself to step in to help in some of the areas where she has served? I conclude with the following quote:

**"We must choose this day whether we will hide our eyes from the need and close our ears to the call or whether we will tackle with new decisiveness, mixed with humility and devotion, the unchanging command of a faithful God who is still seeking."**

**- Ralph Winter in *Faithful in Christ Jesus: A mission reader***

Hoping to point you to Jesus,

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# 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
Thurs 20 Nov	7:00pm	Bible Study - <i>Study on the book of Mark</i>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Heather to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 21 Nov		No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 22 Nov	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TODAY: 16/11/2014</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> John</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Jasmine</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b> Sarah</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Yetta</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Tom</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b> Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 23/11/2014</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Sarah</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b> Anthony</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Margaret</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Sarah</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b> Scott</p>
<b>Message</b>	Too Blessed to Be Silent	A Continuing Relationship with Jesus	
<b>Text</b>	Colossians 1:23	John 15:4-11	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> Dr Martin will lead this week's study.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Patricia, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Brian Green, Dr Tow, Elizabeth, Magdalene, Kalel, Matthew, Jonathan's father.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Magdalene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Jasmine &amp; Joy, Keene, Dr &amp; Mrs Scott-Pearson.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Please pray for the church's sponsorship and Pr Mok Chee Cheong's visa applications.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £810.03, Lunch: £70.00</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 33 (A) 4 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 4 (C)</p>			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 42

**Q: What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?**

*A: The sum of the Ten Commandments is, TO LOVE THE LORD OUR GOD, with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and OUR NEIGHBOUR as ourselves.*

Comments:

The whole of God's commands to us are here summed up in one word – LOVE. The man who with his whole soul loves God and his neighbour, fulfils the law. *Neighbour* here means not merely one who lives near us, but, as Christ teaches us (Luke 10), whoever holds kindred with us, or is a man.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 23:37, 39, 40; Romans 13:10

## MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	
<p><b>Last Week</b></p> <p><i>"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 19:1</b></p>	<p><i>"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him."</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 28:7</b></p>	<p><b>Next Week</b></p> <p><i>"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."</i></p> <p><b>Psalms 34:8</b></p>