



# NEW LIFE

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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 29:1-2

Psalm 31:1-3

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”

RHC 321– “He Hideth My Soul”

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 128

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 128*

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(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 245 – “Channels Only”

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*Scriptural Text*

John 6:1-15

John 6:14-21

*Pastoral Prayer*

Mr Paul Biddle

Mr Paul Biddle

*Sermon Message*

*A Satisfying Feast – Christ’s Grace Satisfies a Multitude*

*A Perfect Storm – Christ’s Presence Brings Perfect Peace*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 254 – “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

RHC 326 – “Like a River Glorious”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Mr Paul Biddle

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*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 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b**

# GOD'S TIMING

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly - 23 August 2015

The first thing we need to understand about God's timing is that it is perfect, just as all of God's ways are perfect (**Psalm 18:30**). God's timing is never early, and never late. In fact, from before our birth until the moment we take our last earthly breath, our sovereign God is accomplishing His divine purposes in our lifetime. He is in complete control of everything and everyone from everlasting to everlasting (**Psalm 90:2**).

By understanding the sovereignty of our Creator, patience and waiting would come a little more easily. Unfortunately, however, that's not always the case. Our human nature can make waiting for God's perfect timing a difficult thing to do. In fact, in the hustle and bustle of our frenzied lives, we often find it difficult to wait for anything or anyone. We want what we want *now*. And with our modern technological advances, we are often able to get what we want now. As a result, we are not only losing our patience, but also finding it increasingly difficult to discern God's timing.

Scripture tells us in **Galatians 5:22** that patience is a spiritual fruit and scripture makes it clear in **Psalm 37:7** that God is pleased with us when we display this virtue. God is good to those who wait for Him (**Lamentations 3:25**). And our patience often reveals the degree of trust we have in God's timing. We must remember that God operates according to His perfect and foreordained eternal schedule, not ours. We should take great comfort in knowing that, when we wait on the LORD, we receive divine energy and strength:

**Isaiah 40:31**, *"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

The psalmist reiterates in **Psalm 27:14**,

*"Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the LORD."*

Another key to understanding God's timing is trust. In fact, our ability to wait on the Lord is largely related to how much we trust Him. When we trust in God with all our heart, forgoing reliance on our own, often erroneous understanding of circumstances, God will indeed give us direction (**Proverbs 3:5-6**). God's unfailing love surrounds us who trust Him as written in **Psalm 32:10**, *"Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about"*. To fully trust God, however, we need to know God. And the best way to know God is through His Word. God's divine energy is released in our lives through His inspired Word (**1 Thessalonians 2:13**). The work of God's Word includes saving (**1 Peter 1:23**), teaching (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**), protecting (**Psalm 119:11**), strengthening (**Psalm 119:28**), guiding (**Psalm 119:105**), and making us wise (**Psalm 119:97-100**). If we study and meditate on God's Word daily, His timing will also become clear to us.

When we question God's timing, it is often because we are looking for guidance or deliverance from a difficult situation. We can be rest assured, however, that our heavenly Father knows exactly where we are in our lives at every moment. God either put us there or is allowing us to be there, all for His own perfect purpose. In fact, God often uses trials to strengthen our patience, allowing our Christian faith to mature and become complete (**James 1:3-4**). And we know that all things, including those difficult trials, work out for the good of those who love God (**Romans 8:28**). God does indeed hear the cries of His children and will answer those cries according to His perfect will and timing. **Psalm 34:19** says, *"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."* The plans God has for His children are good plans, to help us, not hurt us (**Jeremiah 29:11**).

Eld. Prasad



September/October 2015

**'Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good' [Psalm 135:3]**

We hope you are well and have enjoyed the summer months. We look forward to hearing your stories as we seek to share ours with you.

An article recently claimed that summer is healthier for us. Many of the health benefits listed were related directly or indirectly to the sun, with all the extra sunshine and added warmth, even with the wettest August on record, the whole cycle of nature responds and life blossoms, including us! The Bible teaches that God made the sun and established the seasons, promising that they will continue year after year. As the sun shines and causes life to bloom, so when we turn to God through Jesus Christ, we experience his saving life which doesn't fade away like our English summer. The Psalmist prayed, 'turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved' (Psalm 80:3).

We enjoyed a much longed for family holiday in West Sussex in July. It was a good time of rest and relaxation together, making sandcastles, paddling and collecting shells on the beach, visiting Sea World in Brighton and an RSPB nature reserve at Pulborough Brooks. The change in scenery and fresh sea air was a welcome break! Following this Paul took the option to work some extra days over the summer by providing holiday cover, which has brought in some much needed funds. We are thankful for these provisions of work and rest, as we get ready for another year of study and preparation.

The summer preaching engagements have gone well, visiting churches in Linslade, Bedfordshire for two Sundays (see photo above); and Wickford, Essex; as well as an opportunity to preach at our home church in Feltham. We enjoyed meeting up with old friends as well as making new ones. Further preaching engagements are booked over the next two months in Kilburn, London; Stanwell, Middlesex; Harrod, Bedfordshire; and Stanmore, London; as well as our home church. Please pray that the Lord will be honoured and lives transformed by the preaching of his Word.

Melanie had a good time at the Women of the Word day-conference at GraceLife in London on 1st August. The theme was 'Hope' and the fact that our confidence as Christians is based on what Christ has done for us. In him we have a living hope! We were also privileged as a family to be able to attend the BCPC holiday conference at High Leigh in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire in August. It was a good time for the children with so many other families present and the Bible teaching throughout the week was excellent. Paul was asked to preach at a morning prayer meeting and also give an address on the subject of 'What we owe the Reformation', in that we have 'freedom to an open Bible'. The preparation quickly became very similar to writing an essay, with lots of reading; it was quite a challenge yet a rewarding experience.

Please pray for us as a family as Paul starts back at London Theological Seminary on Monday 21st September. In preparation a lot of reading has been set over the summer as well as Hebrew revision. We have invested in a Bible software package called BibleWorks, which contains many original language tools. It is a huge program with a lot of resources and a steep learning curve to begin to understand all the functions, but already it is proving useful in study.

We continue to praise the Lord for his goodness and grace, valuing your prayers and friendship.

In Christ,

Paul & Melanie xx

*'For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding' Colossians 1:9*

# 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 17th Sept	<b>No Mid-Week Bible Study</b>		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We welcome Daniel Tay & Family to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 19th Sept	4pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> Galatians - A Study of Freedom and Liberty		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev John Dyck	Rev John Dyck	<b><u>TODAY: 13/09/2015</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Chairman:</b> John
<b>Text</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Pianist:</b> Keene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Pre-lunch Bible Study.</b></li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for expecting mothers:</b> Helen.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Matthew, Yangfan, Josias, Dr Martin.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister.</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> Daniel/Jonathan
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £776.55, Lunch: £33.50</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 25 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 7 (C)</p>			<b>Lunch:</b> Rachael / Hannah
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Keene / Joel
			<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 20/09/2015</u></b>
			<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan
			<b>Organist:</b> Keene
			<b>Pianist:</b> Keene
			<b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Yetta
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael / Hannah
			<b>Lunch:</b> Maureen
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Scott

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 86

**Q: What is Faith in Jesus Christ?**

*A: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we RECEIVE and REST UPON HIM ALONE for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.*

Comments:

Grace means undeserved favour or kindness. A saving grace means an act of God's favour ending in salvation. Faith is such a grace. And it is here said to consist in *receiving* Christ – that is, in believing what is said of him in the Bible, and *resting upon him* – that is, trusting our souls to him as our Saviour. We rest on him *alone*, and not in anything we may or can do. Our plea is, *Christ only*.

Scriptural Reference:

John 3:16, Acts 4:12

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”</i></p> <p><b>Romans 5:8</b></p>	<p><i>“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;”</i></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 15:3</b></p>	<p><i>“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”</i></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 5:17</b></p>