



# 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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**LORD’S DAY 19 APRIL 2015**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 150

Psalm 24:6-10

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 66 – *“Fairest Lord Jesus!”*

RHC 34 – *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 116

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 116 verses 1-6*  
(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 320 – *“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

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*Scriptural Text*

Colossians 3:15-17

John 17:2

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*What Is Your Song?*

*The Father’s Gracious Gift to His Son*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 103 – *“Sunshine in My Soul”*

RHC 281 – *“There Is Power in the Blood”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Carl Martin

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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**

*From the pastor's heart...*

## **TIRED AND WEARY FOR THE LORD'S WORK?**

Adapted from Weekly Lively Hope Newsletter, Sunday 15th March 2015

My mother was a beautiful lady with a beautiful mind. She was wiser than any women I had known, and I admired her very much. I was very proud that I had such a mother. She was a good musician and had a wonderful voice. She was wise enough to share her insights with all who sought after her opinions. As far as I remember her, she was a kind hearted person. At times beggars knocked on our doors, and I remember that some of them were lepers (Hansen's disease). I was afraid of them, but she never sent them away without giving them warm food and some money. If she did not have anything to give, she asked them to wait and quickly cooked rice for them. She felt it a shame to stay in bed after the sun arose. The summer time was always a trouble to me, a lazy boy. She called my name, removed the blanket away from me, and made me get up. She did not spare me even during the winter season. She opened the windows to bring cold air into my room to wake me up. She was a hard working person from morning till night. Sometimes I asked her why she had to work so hard and did not rest a bit longer. Her answer was always the same. There would be an eternal rest, and while she could work, she would work. Yes, she was tired many a time, but she kept working and working till she was laid down in eternal rest.

I do not know much about your daily routines and work. I am sure that all of you are hard working people. What I want to talk about today is not your personal life but your life in the Lord's work. As you are aware, not all professing believers are dedicated to the Lord's business. There are onlookers and simple spectators, as we find in any organization. Thus a major work always falls on a few dedicated people. As they give themselves to serve the Lord week after week, they also begin to feel tired. I am wondering if you have ever felt tired while serving the Lord. I want to be very honest in my talk here. Have you ever been exhausted while in the Lord's business? I know that it is not because of your unwillingness to serve Him. Feeling exhaustion in this case is not even a sign of backsliding. Having said this, can we say that it is normal to feel tired at times, even in the service of the Lord? Well, that is the point I want to address today. I can picture some of your faces in my mind. You looked tired last week and the weeks before and before and before. Let me encourage you a little today.

Jesus made many disciples, which was a sign of His flourishing ministry. Even the Pharisees heard that His disciples were more in number than the disciples of John the Baptist. Jesus did not stay in one place but moved from place to place for more preaching and teaching ministries. On one occasion, he had to go through Samaria. John speaks of this trip in a very educational and stunning way in John 4:4, *"And He must needs go through Samaria."* It means that He had to or it was necessary for Him to go through Samaria. It talks about a divine necessity. As we know very well, He met a Samaritan woman there. Verse 6 says, *"Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour."* Jesus became weary or tired. This tiredness came from His physical journey. We ought to know that there are times when we feel physically tired. I have experienced it a few times, even recently. It was the sixth hour, which means about midday. Jesus must have been hungry, too. His disciples went to the town to buy some food while Jesus rested His tired body on the well.

Yes, Jesus was exhausted. He had many good reasons for His weariness. He preached and taught. He healed the sick. He had private sessions with his disciples. They asked Him questions, and He gave them answers. He went to a mountain to pray through the night. He woke up early in the morning for prayers. He had to face challenges from the religious leaders, and He was constantly watched by doubting people. He did not own a house. He said that He did not have a place to lay His head. Even foxes and birds were better off. He had to travel on long journeys on hot, dry summer days and cold and windy winter days. He was, yes, very tired.

I have been reading a book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*, written by Kent Hughes. He has made many good points that I must emulate to be conformed to. In particular, he mentions the weariness of men and women of God in ministry. He strongly argues that we ought to discipline ourselves to labor for the Lord. Listen to what he has to say in his book:

“It has been said that the world is run by tired men, and it is true, for we daily see that America is run by tired political leaders — and that wars are won by exhausted generals — and that peace is secured by tired diplomats — and that great legislation is accomplished by weary legislators. The reason for this is that such leaders are willing to put themselves out whenever necessary in order to accomplish their noteworthy tasks. Likewise, the Christian world is ministered to by tired people. Eastern Europe is being evangelized by tired missionaries who are making the most of the fleeting day of opportunity. Show me a great church and I’ll show you some tired people, both up front and behind the scenes, because greatness depends on a core of people who are willing to put out as the situation demands. Men, we have to understand that we will never do great things for God without the willingness to extend ourselves for the sake of the gospel even when bone-tired . . . . The Apostle Paul had a heart like that: he says, “*For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God*” (1 Thessalonians 2:9). This apostolic work ethic is a prominent theme with Paul: “*In weariness and painfulness,*” he told the Corinthians, “*in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness*” (2 Corinthians 11:27). The fact is, anyone who has ever done anything for God has had a laboring heart — no exceptions. Luther is said to have worked so hard that he often fell into bed, not even taking time to change his sheets for a whole year! D. L. Moody’s bedtime prayer on one occasion, as he rolled his bulk into bed, was, ‘Lord, I’m tired! Amen’” (Kindle locations 3883-3896).

If your body feels tired and weary while serving the Lord, do not consider it strange. Think about the Lord’s command for our prayers in Matthew 9:37-38, “*Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.*”<sup>38</sup> *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*” The Lord is looking for laborers, not masters. He is looking for people who serve, not who are served. The pictures behind these laborers are wide open fields, lots of weeds and bushes, and also grains waiting for harvesting. They are mainly agricultural workers who have to work hard from morning till night. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:9, “*For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.*” We are labourers. Thus, we may feel tired at the end of the day. However, we work with God. We are working for Him. We are workers. There was a night when I felt great weariness and said to the Lord, “I am tired.” After a toilsome day, Jesus said to His men in John 4:34, “. . . *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*” He kept working. My weary friends, our eternal rest is on the horizon. Until then, let us work, work for Him.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

# 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 23 Apr 7:00pm <b>Bible Study - Study on the book of Mark</b>	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 24 Apr 4pm & 7pm <b>Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony</b> <i>Study on the book of Daniel - Mr John Douglas</i>	
Sat 25 Apr 4:00pm <b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> <i>Study on the Life of Joseph</i>	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b><u>TODAY: 19/04/2015</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Anthony <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Jonathan
<b>Message</b>	Developing a Faithful Christian Home	The Essence of Eternal Life	
<b>Text</b>	Colossians 3:18-21	John 17:3	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations"</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, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Jonathan's father, Sarah, Matthew, Toby, Ellie, Kalel.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for expecting mothers:</b> Sharon, Magdalene, Helen.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Matthew, Sarah, Anthony &amp; Helen, John &amp; Family, Daniel &amp; Maureen.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he waits upon God's direction to take up the position as interim minister.</li> <li>• <b>Ladies Fellowship will be held after lunch next Sunday.</b></li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology:</b> 7th-9th July 2015. Theme - "Pathway to Power".</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 26/04/2015</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan  <b>Organist:</b> Keene  <b>Pianist:</b> Keene  <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Margaret  <b>Sunday School:</b> Keene / Rachael  <b>Lunch:</b> Tom  <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers  <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott</p>
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £884.72, Lunch: £42.00  <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 29 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 17 (A) 5 (C)</p>	

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 64

**Q: What is required in the Fifth Commandment?**

**A:** *The Fifth Commandment requireth the preserving the honour, and performing the duties, belonging to every one in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.*

Scriptural Reference:

Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 5:21

## MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	
<p><b>Last Week</b>                      "Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"  <b>Mark 8:37</b></p>	<p>"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."  <b>Mark 8:38</b></p>	<p><b>Next Week</b>                      "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."  <b>Matthew 22:37</b></p>