



# NEW LIFE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

44 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6NN

Charity No. 1060655

Tel: 020 7328 0869 (Manse)

Email: [newlifebplondon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:newlifebplondon@yahoo.co.uk)

Website: [www.newlifebpc.org.uk](http://www.newlifebpc.org.uk)

Minister: Dr Carl Martin

Email: [pastor@newlifebpc.org.uk](mailto:pastor@newlifebpc.org.uk)

*"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)*

Vol. 20 No. 14

**LORD'S DAY 03 APRIL 2016**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *Morning Service – 11am*

### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 146:1-10

Psalm 40:1-4a

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 88 – *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"*

RHC 94 – *"Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus!"*

*Opening Prayer \**

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

---

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 6

---

*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 6 1st version*  
*verses 1-4, 7-10*  
(to the tune of Truro, RHC 36)

---

*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Jonathan Kim

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 221 – *"When We See Christ"*

---

*Scriptural Text*

Acts 1:1-11

Esther 4

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Palmer Robertson

*Sermon Message*

*He's Coming Again*  
**Dr Palmer Robertson**

*God's Hand of Providence*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 228 – *"Jesus Is Coming Again"*

RHC 7 – *"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Palmer Robertson

Dr Palmer Robertson

*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.

*"Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" - 2 Peter 3:18*

*From the pastor's heart...*

## **THE GOSPEL, THE HOPE OF MANKIND (PART 3)**

**Adapted from Weekly Lively Hope Newsletter, Sunday 13th March 2016**

The leading thinkers of the world despise and deride the Christian faith and religion. They have found some allies from liberal theologians, which is a clever strategy. They recognize the need to discredit Christianity by using professing Christians and their studies to promote their views. They have been successful. For example, the gay liberation movement and the transgender movement looked to liberal theologians who helped further their cause. "One of the most oft-cited theological authorities in the transgender movement is Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, who, at one point in her life, identified herself as an evangelical and pioneered the Evangelical Women's Caucus (The Evangelical Women's Caucus was established to advocate feminist concerns within the evangelical movement. It divided after years of acrimony over the question of lesbianism.)" See S. Sue Horner, "Trying to Be God in the World: The Story of the Evangelical Women's Caucus and the Crisis over Homosexuality," in *Gender, Ethnicity, and Religion: Views from the Other Side*, ed. Rosemary Radford Ruether, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002, 99–124). Now, Mollenkott advocates the concept of "omnigender," which promises to overcome the gender conflict by denying the objective reality of gender altogether (*Omnigender: A Trans-Religious Approach*, Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2007, 8). The following is what she said in the page quoted above: "People who dislike my proposal of an omnigender social construct will no doubt do so out of loyalty to the idea that there really is an essential feminine and masculine binary that is either God's will or nature's perpetual norm or both. Ironically, they will cling to this essentialist gender construct by denying that gender is socially constructed in any way." I cannot but agree with Paul, as he says in Romans 1:22, "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." Søren Kierkegaard said, "The thought of Christianity was to want to change everything.... Twelve men united on being Christians have recreated the face of the world" (quoted in the supplement to the translator's introduction in *Attack upon "Christendom,"* trans. Walter Lowrie, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1968, p. xxxiii). Instead, liberal theologians and church goers have surrendered their thoughts to the thoughts of the ungodly. The world has changed them. What they have done is exactly the opposite of what the Bible teaches us to do in 2 Corinthians 10:5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Giving approval to homosexuality is recognized as something that all intellectuals should do, and showing disapproval is considered the same as medieval bigotry in darkness. The Gospel has changed the world and has the power to do so. However, the transforming power of the Gospel has been hidden, twisted, and distorted in their minds and thoughts. They may think that they are doing God a favor, but it is a great mistake to think that God has to be rescued from His supposedly wrong teachings in the Bible. They have attempted to do God's work in their ways. As a result, even the worthiness of God has disappeared from their minds.

The liberal wings under the umbrella of Christendom have tried to convince both Bible-believing and sincere believers of Christ and the world that the life of Christianity has almost come to the end and the changing thoughts of God and the Bible are intellectual honesty and cool trends. They want to be willfully ignorant of the growth of Christianity by putting the secularized West upfront. Os Guinness referring to Philip Jenkins's *The Next Christendom* and Mark Noll's *The New Shape of World Christianity*, writes "Most of the focus in these accounts has been on Christian expansion in sub-Saharan Africa and in Asia, especially China. For example, the growth of the churches radiating out from Henan Province in north central China is said to be the fastest growth of the Christian church in two thousand years, and it is now widely reported that there are more Christians in China than there are members of the Communist Party itself" (*Renaissance*, Kindle 434).

Evangelical churches are growing in South America. These reports are contrasted with the sorry state of the churches in the west. Having mentioned the brighter and more positive side of Christian churches globally, I need to bring my attention to more somber thoughts to prepare for the future of Christian churches. Or, rather I would like to think of the ways to prevent growing churches from experiencing the same sorry state of the western churches.

First, the Gospel message must be clearly preached and believed. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 is the text we must uphold again and again, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Over the years, too many additional messages have been added to it, which have either distorted the Gospel or overshadowed it. I firmly believe that the vilest distortion has been made to the gospel in health and wealth messages. Especially, it is the danger posing the believers in countries where Christianity experiences its growth at the moment. We must return to the message of the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. We ought to be reminded that Christ, the Crucified, is in the center of the Gospel message. Unfortunately, so many other issues have buried the main message. Thus, Christ has moved either to the shadow or is in the spotlight only as a means for ends including healing, wealth, prosperity, experiences of signs and wonders, or mystical events. 1 Peter 1:25, "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

Second, teaching and meditating God's Word must be practiced. It has been a well-known saying that the growth of Christian faith is "a mile wide and an inch deep." Churches have all kinds of programs to bring people in. Various evangelism programs have been developed and implemented. However, they cannot deny that they have not had proper follow-ups with proper teaching. People have not been taught about how to study the Bible for themselves. They do not know how to meditate on God's Word and apply it to their everyday experiences. Os Guinness quotes some of the church leaders' own words as following: "when my people hit a problem, they revert to their pre-Christian practices. A husband finds his wife cannot bear children, so he resorts to the witch doctor, or takes a second or third wife." "Many of my people are only one unanswered prayer away from leaving the church and resorting to Buddhism or animism to solve their problems." People may withstand fiery trials and persecutions from tyrants. However, they do not know how to live in the world of modernity and materialism. They begin to fall away from their faith and beliefs. Generally I would say that there are four types of in terms of their knowledge of the Bible: (1) Ignorant, (2) Partially knowledgeable, (3) Dogmatic knowledge, and (4) Well versed. The first two types of Christians must make efforts to learn the Bible more. Otherwise, they will not be able to escape from the shallow and shaky ground of their faith. They can be easily tossed to and fro. I would say that the third type could be problematic. This type of Christians does know and understand the Bible with firm convictions on various issues. They tend to use the Bible to justify their dogmatic convictions. At the same time, they can be in danger of unbalanced knowledge of the Bible. In other words, they are interested in certain topics without knowing the rest of the Bible. Thus, their interpretations of the scriptures are very much biased. What they need to achieve is a balance between faith and knowledge, without which their faith may become fragmented. Thus, their knowledge of faith, Bible, and Christianity becomes preferential based on their preferences. I'll continue....

- Rev Okman Ki

# 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
Weds 6th April	7pm	<b>Mid-Week Outreach Bible Study</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.
Sat 9th April	4pm	<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> Study of Calvin's Institute	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b><u>TODAY: 03/04/2016</u></b>
<i>Message</i>	The Hope of Christian Living	Legal or Not?	
<i>Text</i>	Titus 2:13-15	John 18:28-32	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Keene <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Evelyn <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Keene / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott  <b><u>NEXT WEEK: 10/04/2016</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Matthew <b>Ushers:</b> Joel / Yetta <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Keene / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Volunteers <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations".</li> <li>• <b>Membership Classes, 3pm today:</b> Dr Martin will be leading a series of sessions from today through till May for those wishing to become members of the Church.</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, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Bethany, Magdalene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana, Keene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Prema, Jiak Eng, Constance, Joy.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he continues his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Church Maintenance Day:</b> Saturday 16th April, 10am. All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building. Please see John for more information.</li> <li>• <b>Lord's Supper:</b> We will be observing the Lord's Supper next week. Please come with hearts prepared.</li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £607.10, Good Friday: £577.30 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 28 (A) 11 (C), Evening: 20 (A) 8 (C)			
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 8			
<b>Q: How doth God execute his decrees?</b> <i>A: God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.</i>  <u>Comments:</u> We have been told what God <i>is</i> ; we now begin to learn what he <i>has done</i> . We are here told that he created all things, and still sustains them, and that in creation and providence we see God executing his own decrees.  <u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Revelation 4:11, Daniel 4:35			
MEMORY VERSE			
<b>Last Week</b> <i>"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)."</i> <b>Hebrews 10:23</b>	<b>This Week</b> <i>"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."</i> <b>1 John 4:15</b>	<b>Next Week</b> <i>"O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:"</i> <b>Psalms 7:1</b>	