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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 11 FEBRUARY 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 102:18-22	Psalm 48:10-14
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 2 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 76 – “Day Is Dying in the West”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 102	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 102 verses 12-19</i> (to the tune of No Other Plea, RHC 301)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 309 – “Thank You, Lord”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Romans 12:17-21	John 11
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Mr Gavin Fernandes	Mr Gavin Fernandes
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>A Better Way to Deal with Conflict</i>	<i>Deserted by God?</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	Insert – “O How the Grace of God Amazes Me ”	RHC 115 – “Constantly Abiding”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Mr Gavin Fernandes	Mr Gavin Fernandes
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	---

* 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.

SHALOM

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Newslines, Sunday 28th January 2018

Shalom in Hebrew means "peace." It is often used in greeting and farewell. Shalom is more than just simply peace, it has multiple shades of meaning - complete peace, absence of conflict, feeling of contentment, completeness, wholeness, well being and harmony.

Shalom brings us back to the Garden of Eden where creation narrative records that God made all things "very good" and He was pleased with things as He saw them. There was a pervasive sense of harmony, love, safety and interdependence. *Everything was working as it should.* In a word, it was peace or *shalom*.

"The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfilment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets called *shalom*. We call it peace, but it means far more than mere peace of mind or a ceasefire between enemies. In the Bible, *shalom* means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight -- a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder as its Creator and Saviour opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. **Shalom**, in other words, ***is the way things ought to be.***" Cornelius Plantinga

On the day when sin entered, when Adam and Eve were ejected from Eden, there was the catastrophic loss of *shalom*. From that day onwards, everything, everywhere has felt the tremor of *shalom's* departure. Since then, many have searched for fulfilment, happiness and contentment in counterfeit peacemakers -- material possessions, money, sex, leisure and entertainment -- which cannot fill the vacuum left by *shalom*.

True *shalom* comes only from God. "Therefore being justified by faith, *we have peace (shalom) with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*" (Rom 5:1-2) "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell; And, having *made peace (shalom) through the blood of his cross*, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." (Col 1:19-20). The enmity between us and God whose vandalized image we bear has been restored to *shalom*. This is good news.

God has promised "For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace (*shalom*) be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.... And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace (*shalom*) of thy children." (Isa 54:10, 13) One of the names of God is *Yahweh-Shalom* (Judges 6:24). Jesus Christ is called the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6).

In God we are made complete, "And the very God of peace (*shalom*) sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." (1 Thess 5:23-24)

We are given a glimpse of what creation looks like when God shall make all things new -- as we await the restoration of *shalom* in the new earth.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
and a little child shall lead them.
And the cow and the bear shall feed;
their young ones shall lie down together:
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea." (Isa 11:6-9)

Proverbs 18:21a tells us "Death and life are in the power of the tongue..." Therefore let us wish each other *shalom* when we meet. Let us speak into each other's life, all the wonderful things that *shalom* means.

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace (*shalom*)."

- *Eld Sim Chee Seng*

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **3.00 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 14th February	No Mid-Week Outreach 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.
Sat 17th February	No Bible Study & Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson	<u>TODAY: 11/02/2018</u> <i>Chairman:</i> John <i>Organist:</i> Anthony <i>Pianist:</i> Anthony <i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom <i>Lunch:</i> Tom <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / Venise <u>NEXT WEEK: 18/02/2018</u> <i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan <i>Organist:</i> Michael <i>Pianist:</i> Anthony <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Yetta <i>Lunch:</i> CNY Carry-In <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers <i>PA Crew:</i> Scott / Anthony
<i>Message</i>	TBC	TBC	
<i>Text</i>	TBC	TBC	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: This afternoon at 1:45pm the church will be holding Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Sisters Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister. • Changes to Church Activities from January 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Evening worship will be brought forward to 3pm.</i> ➤ <i>No Pre-lunch Bible Study.</i> • Chinese New Year Carry-in Lunch, 18th February 2018: Please see Sister Maureen if you wish to contribute a dish. 			
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £860.60; Lunch: £33.10; Mission Fund: £7.65, Maintenance Fund: £10.00 Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 7 (C), Evening: 14 (A) 6 (C)			Church Maintenance Fund Total: £3,970.50

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 105

Q: What do we pray for in the Fifth Petition?

A: In the Fifth Petition – (which is, AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS) – we pray, That God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Comments:

In the Fifth and Sixth Petitions we pray for the supply of our spiritual wants. We ask first for the pardon of our sins. This is promised in Scripture on the condition that we forgive others. If God, then, has enabled us to forgive all who have offended us, we may confidently trust that he will hear our own prayer for forgiveness. Sins are here called *debts*, because in sinning we become debtors to the law; and the law demands either obedience, or the penalty of disobedience.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 51:1, Matthew 6:14

MEMORY VERSE

	This Week	Next Week
Last Week <i>"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love."</i> John 15:9	<i>"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."</i> 1 Corinthians 15:58	<i>"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."</i> Psalm 100:3