



June 2024 Edition



Transforming Lives, Fulfilling Destinies

# 2024, Our Year of Living in His Presence



Exodus 33: 14 -15

Acts 1: 4 – 5

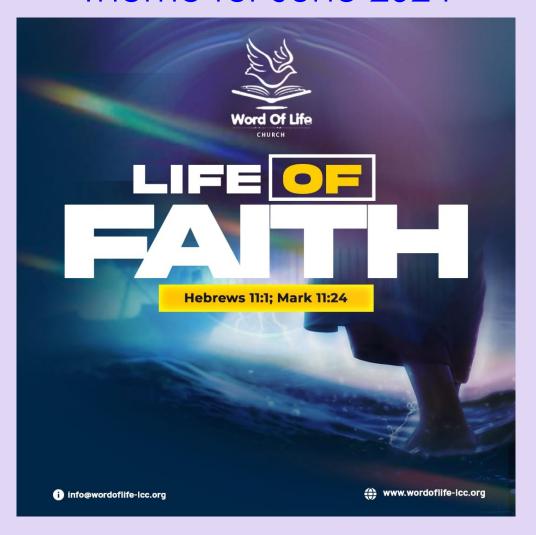
Acts 4: 13 - 14

John 15: 5

2 Corinthians 3: 17

Psalm 16: 11

### Theme for June 2024



### **ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:**

2 Corinthians 5: 7

James 1: 6

Hebrews 11: 6

John 11: 40

Mark 9: 23

Hebrews 11: 11

1 Samuel 14: 6-10

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### Welcome

We welcome you to the June Edition of the WOL Times. We are excited to bring this edition to you and pray that you will find it a blessing and a useful tool. We will love to her from you, your feedback, your testimonies, your suggestions. Please feel free to send them to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

If you are visiting one of our church services or attending any of our events, WELCOME!!! We are so thrilled you could join and engage with us. We hope you are blessed and will love for you to stay in touch with us by visiting us again or via our website, email or phone.

To get in touch with us, ask a question, get some more information, put in a a prayer request, or speak with any of Our Team, please contact us via Email at <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a> or telephone our Church office on 0208 857 7406 and 07930 958 097 Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm.

To stay up to date with our activities, events and useful information, please check out our website: www.wordoflife-lcc.org.



## God Loves You

God Loves YOU and wants you to have a relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

The Bible says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life (John 3: 16).

The first step to know more of God is to obey His Word and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, by simply repenting of your sins and believing that Jesus has died on the cross and paid the price for you to be reconciled to God for ever. By doing that, you will receive a new life, the very life of God, within you, and you will become a child of God. If you want to make that step, please see below. These will explain to you more about it. Don't put it off, God has been waiting for you... Today is the day! God bless you.

### GOD LOVES YOU!!!)

GOD's Purpose: Peace and life God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life: abundant and eternal.

"we have peace with GOD through our Lord JESUS CHRIST." (Romans 5:1)

"I have come that they may have life in abundance." (John 10:10)



"for GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SON, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

The Problem: Our Separation God created us in his own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey him. God gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own wilful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD." (Romans 3:23) "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life in CHRIST JESUS, our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Our attempts to reach GOD People have tried many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God....

"there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12) "but your iniquities have separated you from your GOD; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

No bridge reaches GOD... except one...

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GOD's Bridge: The Cross Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

for Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to GOD." (1 Peter 3:18)

"for there is one GOD and one mediator between GOD and men, that man JESUS CHRIST." (1 Timothy 2:5)

"but GOD demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, CHRIST died for us. (Romans 5:8)

> GOD has provided the only way. Each person must make a choice!



Our Response: Receive CHRIST We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive him by personal invitation.

him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of GOD." (John 1:12)

"yet to all who received "here I am! I stand at "that if you confess the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and from the dead, you he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

with your mouth JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

#### Where are you? Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

Admit your need (I am a sinner).

Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).

Believe that JESUS CHRIST died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.

4. Through prayer, invite JESUS CHRIST to come in and control your life through the HOLY SPIRIT (receive him as Lord and Saviour).





## First Word

### Faith is a Lifestyle

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

Habakkuk 2:4

"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him.

But the just shall live by his faith."

Faith in God is a sign of humility.

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."



Living a life of faith is stepping into the unknown, trusting in our God who is beyond our understanding.

The truth be told **Faith is not an emotion**. **Faith is not a feeling**. We have many people around us today who have given up and full of hopelessness. Many are quitting the faith. Many are in in despair; they have lost hope and lost any sense of reprieve or getting out of their predicament. They are saying this faith thing is not working for me. They are looking at everything around them and they have given up. Yet scripture says in **Romans 1:17** 

<u>For in it</u> In what? In the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is your belief and mine in that Gospel that makes us the righteousness of God because of Christ Jesus and keeps us persevering and hopeful in God. We are made **JUST** by the blood of Jesus Christ and because we have been **JUSTIFIED** therefore, we must walk and live by **FAITH**.

the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

The JUST that is The Righteous shall live by faith. This is the lifestyle <u>we</u> have been called to, living by faith. This means every day of my life; I

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am called to live in faith. It means things might not go the way we have planned it or want it to be, **but our eyes should be on God**. Our eyes should be on the one who called us out of darkness into His world of Faith, Hope and Assurance. Those of us made righteous by the blood of Jesus are called to live by faith. **Living by faith means we are reliant on God and not on our intellect or our emotions**.

#### In Hebrews 10:35-39

<sup>35</sup> Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. Don't lose heart – Hold fast and strong to the One who called you. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

The Life of faith is a life of endurance. - the ability to endure an unpleasant or difficult process or situation without giving up. We need the ability to remain active, the ability to resist what the enemy throws at us in our walk of faith. The ability to withstand. The ability to recover when knocked down to jump up again and continue. This ability comes through the help of the Holy Spirit as we ask Him to help us.

<sup>37</sup> "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. <sup>38</sup> Now the just shall live by faith."

We are called to live by faith and not by sight.

#### **Hebrews 11:1 - NEW KING JAMES**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

#### **NEW MATTHEW BIBLE**

Faith is a sure confidence of things that are hoped for, and a certainty of things that are not seen.

I have in the past struggled with the concept of faith being a substance. This is because in my mind the word substance denotes something tangible, something real, a real physical thing. However, the

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Word of God is saying to us that faith is something tangible, something real, it is not an abstract.

You might not have in your hands what you are believing God for nor see it now, but we have trust in God that as His saints, who are blood bought, we have what we are believing for.

Faith is tied to a substance – Our faith should be aligned to God and nothing else. We must see it not with the natural eyes but with our spiritual eyes. We must go past our natural eyes to see it

The reason why most of us struggle with faith is our proximity with God. We are too far from God. Faith is not to do with how many times I call out scriptures or quote scriptures. A life of faith is far deeper than that. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. You only get to hear His RHEMA not just the logos in close proximity to Him. Faith is believing that God is telling the truth.

#### **HEROES OF FAITH**

Scripture calls them a cloud of witnesses.

#### Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

These great men and women of faith lived a lifestyle of faith hence we should emulate them.

So, while this lifestyle of faith may be challenging, unpredictable and tough, it also comes with its reward.

It might not be when you want it or how you want but **the JUST ARE CALLED TO LIVE BY FAITH.** 

#### Faith is a lifestyle

The righteous shall live by faith.

Baptism Service on 19th May 2024

















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## Regular Events

#### **Monday to Saturday**

**6am – 7am** (daily) Early Morning Prayer Meetings via Zoom, Monday to Saturday

#### Wednesday

**7pm – 8pm** (weekly) Midweek Power Service

#### **Friday**

**12noon – 2pm** (weekly) Foodbank & Community Resource Centre in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building

**7pm – 8.30pm** (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth (CGY) Hub in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building. **The CGY Hub is a relaxed and safe space for the youth to engage in games**, **learn life skills**, **socialise and connect with one another**.

**7pm – 8.30pm** (weekly) Revival Prayer Meeting in the Main Hall Rehoboth building

#### Saturday

**10.30am – 12.15pm** (weekly) SOS Evangelism Outreach at Rehoboth building

**5pm – 6pm** (weekly) Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Interactive Bible Study) via Zoom

#### Sunday

**11.00am** Celebration Service at Rehoboth Building (Livestream on YouTube & Facebook)

After Praise and Worship – Children's Church (3 – 12 years)

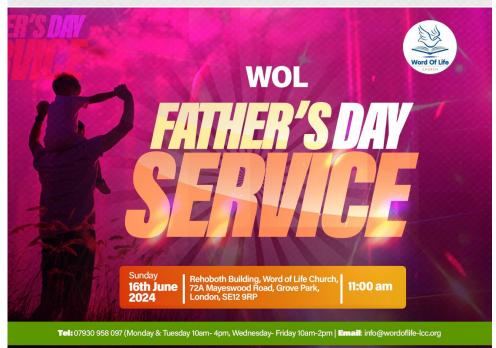
**1.00pm** Youth Cell (small) Groups (boys and girls aged 13 onwards) **Weekly Cell Groups (small groups)** 

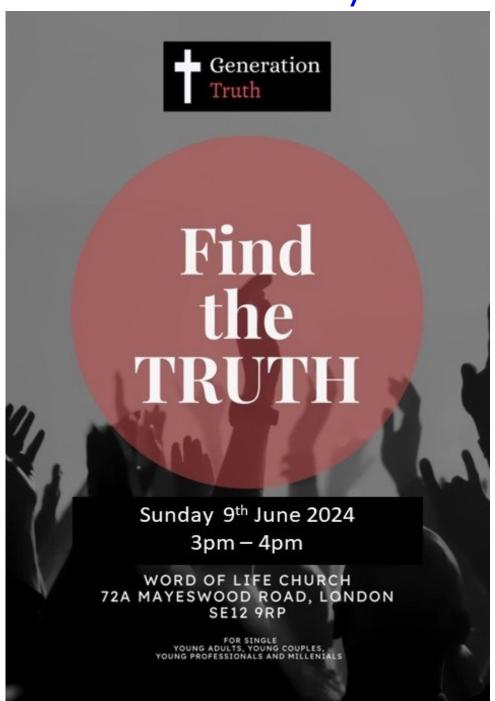
Meetings are held via zoom or in person once a week on various week-days. All our cell groups are homogenous in nature so you can feel at ease. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

#### Children and Youth

Our Children and Youth programmes take place in the lower hall on Sundays. The children meet in the lower hall immediately after the time of corporate praise and worship except for the first Sunday of the month, which is our family Sunday and some other special services. The youth also meet in the lower hall every Sunday immediately after the service for their cell groups where they can explore the message further and ask questions.













### SOS Evangelism Outreach

**Every Saturday** 

10:30am - 11:00am **Prayer** @Rehoboth building

11:15am - 12:15pm **Evangelism** Outreach in the local community

Open to anyone who would like to join



Amplified Bible - Isaiah 52: 7
How beautiful and delightful on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace, Who brings good news of good (things), Who announces salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

### FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (INCLUDING WARM WELCOME SPACE)

A Warm Welcome Food Parcels

Online Access for Job Search Sign Posting

Private Space for Reflection & Prayer

Networking & Discussions

**WHEN: FRIDAYS** 

TIME: 12:00 NOON - 2:00PM

**VENUE: Word of Life Church, Lower** Floor, Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP



Tel - 0208 857 7406 / 07930 958 097 (Mon-Thu 10am-2pm) | Email - community@wordoflife-lcc.org Community Website: http://wordoflife-lcc.org/community



# BODY & SOUL FITNESS

FOR MEN / BOYS



**Every Tuesday** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FREE to attend

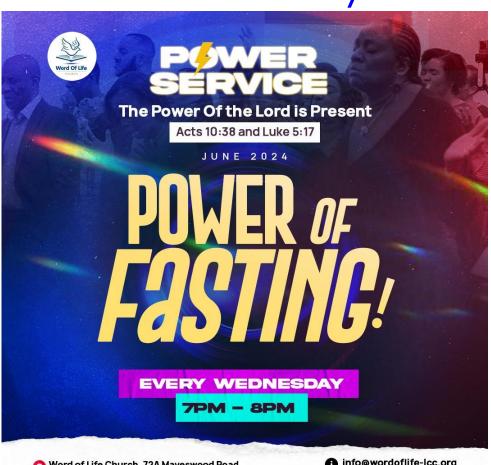


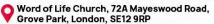
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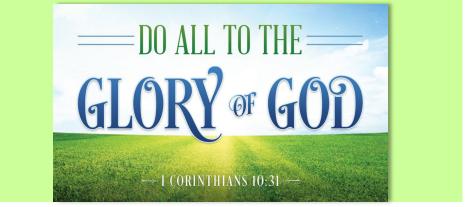
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## Ministry Highlight

#### WHOLENESS MINISTRY

The wholeness ministry will be hosting the next Prayer, Healing and Deliverance (PHD) session on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, starting at 9:30am until 2pm.

It will be a day of teaching, personal prayers and ministry of healing and deliverance for all in attendance. Our teaching topic will explore the effects of rejection upon our lives and God's love and acceptance as the antidote. The day will be a special time to be ministered to, for life struggles, whether emotional, mental, physical or spiritual - our God is a powerful God of restoration. This is open to all adult Word of Life Members, your family members or friends you feel would benefit.

For further information please see advert in this Times (p.27) or contact the wholeness ministry team by emailing <u>y.adeniran@wordoflifelcc.org</u>.

The event is free but you will need to register on Eventbrite - <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wholenessministryjune">https://tinyurl.com/wholenessministryjune</a>.



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## Children's Corner

### Calling on WOL Parents' Help

It has been a pleasure teaching the children and seeing them grow in the Lord, as they develop their personal relationship with Him. Being able to serve within the Children' Ministry has been an honour for us



The Children's Ministry team is a small, dedicated team that want to ensure that the Children's Church takes place consistently and regularly. For that reason, we are calling on WOL Parents to please volunteer to help with the Children's Church one Sunday every 2 months. You will be given the necessary support and will work alongside a member of the team each time. Be rest assured you will not be left alone on your own.

Please kindly contact us at kids@wordoflife-lcc.org or email in-fo@wordoflife-lcc.org, or speak to any of us after any of the Sunday services. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **WOL Summer Family Fun Outing**



We are excited to announce that this year, the Children's Ministry will be organising the WOL Church Summer Family Fun Outing. This will take place by God's grace on Saturday 17th August 2024 and is for all the church. The plan is to hire a coach for a day trip to the beach for all the family. Cost will be in the region of £35 for adults and £30 for children (TBC).

Any proceeds will go towards the costs of the Children's room refurbishment.

To register your interest / reserve your space, please email kids@wordoflife-lcc.org or info@wordoflife-lcc.org. We do need numbers so that we can book the right coach, so please do hurry and contact to register. Thank you.

## Youth Corner

#### Do Not Be Ashamed

By Derik Silva

#### 2 Timothy 1:8

"Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God"

In my observation I believe this tells us to not be ashamed and not deny our belief in God, we should instead preach it out into the untouched from the Word of God.

Another way of seeing it is that we cannot be prisoners of social expectations and we should admit our belief in God. As we know, Peter denied God 3 times in the New Testament, and that was a sin, so we can correlate this to the fact that denying is a bad thing to do.

Overall, do not deny Him, spread His Word and do not be prisoners of others.



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#### ARE YOU NEW TO WORD OF LIFE CHURCH?

Welcome to Word of Life Church! We are so glad you have chosen to visit and be part of our services. If you have any questions will like to know more about the Church, receive pastoral help, or explore how you can connect and be involved in the life of the Church, please come speak with any of the team or send us an email at info@wordoflifelcc.org. Someone will respond to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### **WELCOME**

We are pleased to announce that Brother Tobi Kalejaye (from WOL Church) and Sis Pramada Rijal (from Kensington Temple) have joined the WOL Church Office as Administrators.

We welcome them warmly in Jesus' name!

They will both work in the office on a job share basis. The new office opening hours will be from 10am to 4pm, Mondays and Tuesdays, and 10am to 2pm Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We ask for your patience, your prayers and your support as they learn the ropes and settle in over the next few weeks.

Please continue to contact the office when needed by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or sending a message to 0793 0958097

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our sincere condolences go to our Sister Lisa Lye, on the loss of her dad last month. The funeral is due to take place this month. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa and all the family at this time.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

Congratulations to some of our beloved youth - Romilade, Anabelle, Inioluwa, Ciannah, Ashleen and Shaniya - who all got baptised last month. We pray that they will be kept in the love and ever-increasing knowledge of God in Jesus name.

#### **BODY AND SOUL FOR LADIES**

The Body and Soul Fitness sessions for ladies will be taking a break for a few months as our trainer Cathy Pierce takes some time off. We want to say a big thank you to her and our sister Shelly-Ann who takes the Bible sessions for their time, dedication and love. A big shout out also goes to all the ladies who have participated in this.

#### PRAYER AND COUNSELLING ROOM / LOWER HALL

There is a prayer and counselling room situated in the lower hall. If you would like to book to use this, please kindly contact the church venue manager Darren Woodham by emailing him at <a href="mailto:d.woodham@wordoflife-lcc.org">d.woodham@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>. For booking of the lower hall, please visit <a href="https://wordoflife-lcc.org/index.php/resource-centre">https://wordoflife-lcc.org/index.php/resource-centre</a>.



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### YOUR WELLBEING IS OUR CONCERN / BENEVOLENCE (CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER)

If you have any concerns, please do let us know. Your well-being is especially important to us. If you require prayer or pastoral help / counseling or support, please do not stay silent, please let your cell leader, any of the leadership team or the church board member representatives (Brother Sylbourne Sydial and Sister Serena Manly-Spain) know, so we can offer prayer and support. Please do not isolate yourself, speak with someone. In addition, if you are in in need and require practical assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

#### LIVESTREAM / RECORDINGS AND PICTURES

Our church services are Live-streamed / recorded and pictures are also taken during some services and events by our media team. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a> if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you.



#### AN OPPORTUNITY AND A CALL TO SERVE

This year we are inviting every member of WOL to give your time, strength, commitment, gifts, and talents to serve the Lord here in Word of Life Church. Your Church needs your service in many areas of ministry. We are particularly looking for more children's workers and stewards / ushers immediately. You are also very welcome to serve in other areas that you believe the Lord has called you to with your gifts and talents. We believe that every Christian is called to serve by Jesus

so please get in touch with us by emailing <a href="mailto:info@wordoflife-lcc.org">info@wordoflife-lcc.org</a> or speak with your cell leader or deputy cell leader and complete one of our volunteer worker's form. Please do not sit on your gifts and talents this year. We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **HOUSEKEEPING / SAFEGUARDING:**

Mobiles - We encourage every congregational member to please switch off mobile phones during the service as we concentrate on worshipping God and hearing His Word and the voice of the Holy Spirit. Kindly please avoid texting, calling, responding to messages, watching, or scrolling through your mobile phone or the internet while the service is going on. We do understand that in exceptional / rare cases there might be an emergency but on the whole let's focus on the Lord and give due reverence and honour to Him during our time of Worship.

**Children** - We would like to remind parents and guardians to please keep their eyes out for their children and the young ones while in the church premises. Let's join to help keep them safe and stop them from coming to any kind of harm.

**Personal Belongings** - Please keep your personal belongings with you while in the building premises. Many thanks for your co-operation.

For any safeguarding concerns, involving children or vulnerable adults please email <a href="mailto:safeguarding@wordoflife-lcc.org">safeguarding@wordoflife-lcc.org</a>

#### BEING MINDFUL OF GOD'S HOUSE - REHOBOTH BUILDING

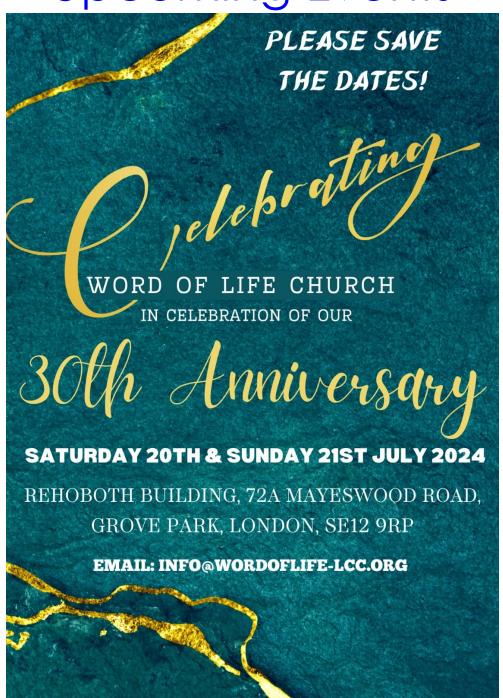
We would like to ask everyone to please be mindful and intentional about caring for, looking after, and keeping clean and tidy the house of the Lord. Please avoid bringing food or drink (except water) into the main sanctuary Let us join to do this. We also ask that you please be mindful of the carpets in the building, IN PARTICULAR in the main sanctuary. Let us please keep it clean as much as we can by using the mats as we come into the building. Thank you for your help with this.

We also want to be good stewards of the resources God provides us in this House, so we ask that everyone please help with avoiding wastage of any of the church's resources. Thank you for your help with this.

## **Upcoming Events**



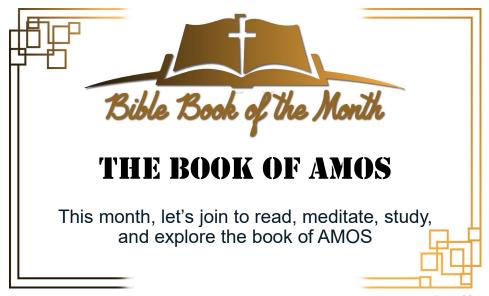
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### Bible Book of the Month



### **WOL Team/Contacts**

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### **Notices**

Happy Birthday Greetings to all those born in the month of JUNE and Congratulations to all celebrating Anniversaries this month!



#### **GIVING (Tithes & Offerings)**

- CASH put in an envelope (available from the ushers), mark it as 'Christmas Hampers' & place cash/envelope in the basket
- BANK TRANSFER Lloyds Bank- Account#- 03215544, Sort Code- 30 91 87, Account Name: ECKT Word of Life Church
- GIVT APP—Download the free app & select Word of Life Church (Lewisham)



#### **TESTIMONIES**

Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly.

Please email your written or video recorded testimony to info@wordoflife-lcc.org We look forward to hearing from you and sharing God's goodness

#### WATER BAPTISM

If you will like to be baptised, please speak with your cell leader or email the Church office at

admin@wordoflife-lcc.org.



#### **DEDICATIONS**



If you will like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office by emailing <a href="mailto:admin@wordoflife-lcc.org">admin@wordoflife-lcc.org</a> or ringing 07930 958 097.

Dedications are usually held 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays of the month.

#### **SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES**



Messages are currently available to watch/listen by visiting our YouTube channel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf">https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf</a>
Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wollcc">https://www.facebook.com/wollcc</a>
Spotify Podcast: (Word of Life Church LCC) <a href="https://open.spotify.com/show/4tWTW5KRIvYcVeifF9LPZy?si=a8d2f806ac454534">https://open.spotify.com/show/4tWTW5KRIvYcVeifF9LPZy?si=a8d2f806ac454534</a>

### **WOL Mission Statement**

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#### A CHURCH WITH PURPOSE ...

To be a God-centred church, developing people to Christ-like maturity and equipping them for their ministry in the church, and life mission in the world.



#### ... AND VISION

To impact the Borough of Lewisham with the gospel of Christ in word and action, and to touch London and the nations of the world.

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do all that I have commanded you."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

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