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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

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 100	Psalm 31:23-24
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 41 – “Before Jehovah’s Aweful Throne”	RHC 65 – “And Can It Be That I Should Gain?”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 38	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 38</i> verses 1-4, 21-22 (to the tune of St Peter, RHC 456)	---
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 359 – “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” verses 1-4	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Amos 3	2 Corinthians 5
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Lions’ Message</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 561 – “Come with Contrite Hearts”	RHC 448 – “The King’s Business”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<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.

**Church Theme 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24**

My Dear Reader,

## **WHEN SHADOWS DARKEN**

October 6, 2013 - The sky outside was bright and sunny on Thursday morning but the light gave way to a darkened overcast with a foreboding aura of a storm about to pounce Cambridge. Have you experienced something like that in your life recently?

The Psalmist, in Psalm 88, related his difficulties with the stormy times he was facing. He spoke of crying day and night before the LORD, hoping that his prayers would be heard. Why? Because, his life was filled with problems and life threatening issues. He felt as one who was in a deep pit with no means of help. In the deep darkness, he could not see anything, let alone find any rope to rescue him from his destruction. In the blackness of the dark night, he could think, but his thoughts only seemed to turn to all the problems of his life. He was aware of approaching death, like rising flood waters with no means of escape. We have no real idea of exactly what he was facing. Was it physical illness, a broken relationship, lost employment, terroristic threats, an incurable disease, the loss of a loved one, or...? Likely it was a combination of things that were coming upon him.

According to the psalm title, the author is Heman, an Ezrahite, noted as a very wise and capable man under Solomon (1 Kings 4:31). Was he teaching abstractly through what he wrote, or was he teaching from life experience? I think he is teaching through the real lessons of his own life. Though he was an experienced musician and teacher, he too faced deep and threatening times. But note that he continued to cry out to the LORD, even in the end when he was so aware of his aloneness far away from his support network or lover and friend.

In the New Testament we meet a woman who was surrounded by darkness and death, unable to sort out what was happening in her world. Her cherished friend had died in a most brutal way. She had ventured out in the darkness to honor him by caring for his corpse. Though at the right grave site, she could not find his body, it was gone. Consumed by the shadows, loss, and darkness, she wept. Then someone spoke to her, *Why are you weeping?* Thinking he was the maintenance man, still consumed with her hurts, she asked him where he had taken the body. Wait, that was a voice she recognized. Yes, in her darkness Jesus had been standing right there with her but she was unaware of him (John 20:14-16). He patiently waited for her to recognize Him. Are you surrounded by darkness – now? Are you aware that Jesus is present with you?

As a congregation, we have been blessed with the ministry of Pastor and Mrs. Colin Wong for three months, standing in for the Pastor and Mrs. Timothy Ki. But, we are aware that they were here because Pastor Ki needed immediate medical attention in Adelaide. There have been afflictions and disappointments in these months, but God has proven faithful again and again. Think of the Wongs situation with his illness the week before their coming, only to encounter difficulties with the UK Borders Agency, God intervened. We have worshiped together, prayed together, worked together, celebrated birthdays, welcomed visitors, and strengthened relationships with one another. Are there challenges ahead? Absolutely, but the same God who met Mary accompanies us in all we face. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

– Your brother, CTM

### **The Lion's Message - Amos 3:9-15**

- I. The Truth that \_\_\_\_\_ Us v. 9
  
- II. The Task that \_\_\_\_\_ Us v. 10-12
  
- III. The Testimony that \_\_\_\_\_ Us v. 13-15

# 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
Wed 09 Oct	11:00am	Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Sandra Ong, Wang Long Zhao, Joshua Chia, Josias Goh, GH Tan and Matthew to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 11 Oct	7:00pm	No Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 12 Oct	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<b><u>TODAY: 06/10/2013</u></b> <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Evelyn <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael <b>Lunch:</b> Hannah <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott
<b>Message</b>	The Family of God and Human Failure	Life, Death, and Prayer - Under the Authority of Jesus	
<b>Text</b>	Amos 3:9-15	John 11	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Dr Marin will lead a study on "The Doctrine of the Church" and questions from the morning sermon.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travel:</b> Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Prema, Jonathan, Daniel &amp; Maureen, Anthony.</li> <li>• <b>Congratulations to Jonathan and Magdalene on their wedding.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £452.52, Lunch: £36.95 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 27 (A) 3 (C), Evening: 14 (A) 2 (C)		
<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 13/10/2013</u></b> <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Sarah <b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Constance <b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael <b>Lunch:</b> Volunteers <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott		

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 91

**Q: What is a sacrament?**

**A:** A Sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by **CHRIST**, wherein, – by sensible signs – Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Comments:

We are here taught that the marks of a sacrament are: 1. That it is appointed by Christ; 2. That it is a way of teaching the gospel by *outward signs*. Its uses are three in number: 1. To *represent* the gospel to us, or teach it plainly; 2. To *seal* the gospel to us, or confirm our faith in it; 3. To *apply* the gospel to us, or bring it home to our hearts. The word *sacrament* is derived from a Latin word, which signified the sacred oath of fidelity to his commander, which the soldier took on entering the army for the service of his country. In a Christian sense, it means the vow of fidelity and obedience to Christ which is taken when we enter the Church. This vow was taken for us in Baptism, when we were infants. In the Lord's Supper, we take it upon ourselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 17:10, Romans 4:11

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p>"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." <b>Hebrews 7:25</b></p>	<p>"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." <b>Hebrews 11:1</b></p>	<p>"For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." <b>Hebrews 11:2-3</b></p>