



# NEW LIFE

## BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 23 FEBRUARY 2020

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

Psalm 96:1-6

RHC 36 – "High in the  
Heavens, Eternal God"

John Poh

*Glory Be to the Father*

Psalm 48

*Psalm 48 verses 1-5*  
(to the tune of Lloyd, RHC 563)

John Poh

RHC 318 – "Blessed  
Assurance"

Colossians 3:1-11

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

*New and Heavenly Living*

RHC 419 – "Take My Life and  
Let It Be"

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

*The Lord Bless You*

*Prelude*

*Call to Worship*

*Opening Hymn \**

*Opening Prayer \**

*Gloria Patri \**

*Responsive Reading*

*Second Hymn \**

*Announcements & Memory Verse*

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

*Scriptural Text*

*Pastoral Prayer*

*Sermon Message*

*Closing Hymn \**

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

*Postlude*

\* Congregation Stands

#### *Afternoon Service – 3pm*

Psalm 34:1-3

RHC 113 – "It Is Glory  
Just to Walk with Him"

John Poh

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Romans 12:1

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

*The Essence of our  
Sacrifice*

RHC 390 – "Something for  
Thee"

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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### **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.

# **READING THE SCRIPTURE**

## **Introduction**

The Bible is a library of books - sixty-six books in all. The way to read the Bible is actually to read it. You, as a believer, will not advance one step spiritually until you start reading it. Reading through the Bible requires developing a plan of daily reading that holds events and prophecies of the Old Testament in perspective with the heart of divine revelation as embodied in the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Why Read the Bible Through?**

Reading all of the Bible is a worthy endeavour because “*all Scripture is given by inspiration of God*” and all Scripture is “*profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*” (2 Tim. 3:16).

The chief object of reading and studying the Scripture is not the amount read or even the reading itself. The purpose is to know God. It is not to pacify our consciences that we are obeying our minister’s exhortations and reading the Scriptures. Although we may never understand all of the mysteries of God’s Word, we must seek out the message, the truth of all Scripture “*that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*” (2 Tim. 3:17).

The Bible reveals God’s nature in its multifaceted forms. We need to gain the panoramic view of God’s power, wrath, love, mercy, wisdom and greatness to begin to understand that He is the immutable “*I am*” of Exodus that says, “*This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*” (Matt. 3:17). Reading through the Bible brings out the awesome wonder of God as He speaks to and loves the humanity He created. To see the whole massive movement of biblical thought, the Scriptures need to be read frequently and from Genesis to Revelation.

As we study the profound complexity of the nature of God as seen in both Old and New Testaments, we develop a clearer understanding of what God desires in our relationships to Him and to others. The Christian must be content with nothing less. He will not understand the individual verses unless he has the framework of knowledge which a larger acquaintance with Scripture provides. The more he reads, the more comprehensible the Bible becomes. And when we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us through God’s Word, our reading crosses from mere enjoyment to life transformation.

## **Suggestions for Reading the Bible Through**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. Just as the Holy Spirit was present in the writing of Scripture, so must He be present in our reading of the Word. We can read the Bible without the leadership of the Holy Spirit and still learn Bible facts. But we will never gain insights into the truth and application of God’s Word until we pray the Holy Spirit to open our minds and reveal His truth to us (Psa. 119:18). Each day as you start to read, pray that God’s Holt Spirit will aid you to understand what you read and apply the truth to your own life.

Set aside a definite time every day to read the Bible. The beginning of the day is best. Consider that time as a daily appointment with God and keep that appointment faithfully. No matter how you feel, read from the Bible every day. It always has a message for readers. Read the Scripture intentionally, without letting the pressures of predetermined time limits cause you to hurry.

Use Bible reading/study helps such as commentaries, concordances, Bible dictionaries, and Bible atlases. These resources should enrich your study but should never take the place of reading the Bible itself. Do not be disturbed if you do not understand some passages. Sometimes further reading or consulting a study guide may clarify the problem. Rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you into a growing, deepening understanding of God and His World.

You may want to keep a notebook or a journal as you read the Bible through. Record what you read and any observations or insights you gain. Writing down or paraphrasing what you read will help you remember and apply God's Word in life situations.

### **How to Read the Bible Through**

A balanced reading of the Bible calls for reading the Old and New Testament simultaneously. Here are five approaches for reading through the Bible.

1. Place a bookmark in the Bible at three places: Genesis, Job, and Matthew. By reading one chapter from each of these sections every day, you will read the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice in about eighteen months.
2. Read one Bible chapter a day and you will read the entire Bible in three years and three months.
3. Read three Bible chapters every weekday and five chapters on Sundays, and you will read the entire Bible in less than a year.
4. In January and February, read Genesis through Deuteronomy. In March and April, read all of the New Testament. In May and June, read Joshua through Esther. In July August, read Job through Song of Solomon. In September and October, reread all of the New Testament. In November and December, read Isaiah through Malachi.

### **Read the Bible Throughout Your Life**

The reading and study of God's Word is a lifelong endeavour that never grows old. Once you have read the Bible through, do it again. Choose different reading plans and schedules. Every time you read through God's Word, new and meaningful truths are brought to light.

The Bible holds the answer to humanity's past, present, and future. It is a wellspring of wisdom and divine instruction that never runs dry. Draw from this spring daily and find direction and purpose for your life as a believer.

- Pr Mok

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting at 10:00 am** followed by the **Worship Services at 11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Please stay back for fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the afternoon service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 7pm	Mid-Week 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.
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 7pm	Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony		
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar, 10am	<i>The Testimony of Job</i> - Mr Philip Knowles		
	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting		
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Afternoon Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<b>TODAY: 23/02/2020</b>
<b>Message</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Chairman:</b> John
<b>Text</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Organist:</b> Venise
			<b>Pianist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Tom
			<b>Lunch:</b> Maureen
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Mark / Jason
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sunday School:</b> Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend.</li> <li><b>Catechism Class:</b> For those seeking baptism or church membership, the catechism classes will continue today at 2pm. Please inform Pr Mok if you would like to join the classes. Please note that new starters will not be able to complete the course for baptism but are welcomed to still attend.</li> <li><b>Mid Week Bible Study:</b> This will be held fortnightly in the manse on Wednesday evening, 7pm. The next bible study will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.</li> <li><b>Library Ministry:</b> The Church library is now open, please see Pr Mok if you wish to borrow any books.</li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £814.10, Lunch: £26.00, Maintenance Fund: £100.00 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 25 (A) 9 (C), Afternoon: 15 (A) 7 (C)			
<b>Church Maintenance Fund Total:</b> £6,260.50			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 106

### Q: What do we pray for in the Sixth Petition?

A: *In the Sixth Petition – (which is, AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL) – we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.*

### Comments:

*Temptation* means anything that would induce us to sin. And in this petition we ask one of two things from God – either that he would take all temptation away from us, or that he would enable us to resist and overcome it.

### Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 26:41, Psalm 19:13, 2 Timothy 4:18

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<b>Deuteronomy 31:6</b> <i>"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."</i>	<b>Matthew 5:44</b> <i>"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."</i>	<b>Psalm 16:1</b> <i>"Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust."</i>