

## News & Update

Welcome to IGC, the International Gospel Church we hope that you will feel at home whether you're just visiting or you're considering being with us more regularly. Our aim is that IGC will prove to be an inclusive graceful community where you will be enabled not simply to live gracefully, but to live fully by grace. Meetings are held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

## Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the upper hall.

## ABUNDANT life groups

Abundant Life Group meetings is a place where we would love to see as many people as possible connected and belong, so that we can build a community of oneness. We hope that these new groups will be our next step towards us living to our highest level of love.

Please see below for the directory of our ALGs.

Group Leaders	Meeting Locations	Meeting Day
Phil & Brian	Harrow, Greenford or Wembley (alternating)	Wednesday Monthly
Paul & Yetunde	Mill Hill	Thursday Fortnightly
Jane & Mama Kate	IGC Lower Hall (covering Burnt Oak & Colindale)	Wednesday Fortnightly
Damini & Tajhame	IGC Youth Lower Hall	Thursday Fortnightly (meeting venue alternating with the above group)
Johnson & Catherine	Mill Hill & Edgware	Wednesday Fortnightly
Everton & Dorothy	Ruislip	Friday Fortnightly
Tunde & Titti	Borehamwood	Thursday Fortnightly

## IGC Monthly Update

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# In The Know...



## Inclusive Grace-Filled Community

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## Grace Notes: Dying Into Life - Richard Rohr

Most of us probably grew up thinking that the Resurrection was a one-time miracle about Jesus, an anomaly that proved he was God. I believe that Jesus is actually naming and revealing what is happening everywhere and all the time in God. Jesus' resurrection is a statement about how reality works: always moving toward resurrection. As the Catholic funeral preface says, "Life is not ended but merely changed." This is the divine mystery of transformation, which is entirely evident in the physical universe. This is why I believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus, even if it is a new kind of physicality, which Paul struggles to describe (1 Corinthians 15:35ff).

Resurrection is not a miracle as much as it is an enduring relationship. The best way to speak about the Resurrection is not to say, "Jesus rose from the dead"—as if it was a self-generated miracle—but to say, "Jesus was raised from the dead" (as many early texts state). The Eternal Christ is thus revealed as the map, the blueprint, the promise, the pledge, the guarantee of what is happening everywhere, all summed up in one person, so we can see it in personified form.

If you can understand Jesus as the human archetype, a stand-in for everybody and everything, you will get much closer to the Gospel message. I think this is exactly why Jesus usually called himself "The Son of Man." His resurrection is not so much a miracle that we can argue about, believe, or disbelieve, but an invitation to look deeper at what is always happening in the life process itself. Jesus, or any member of "the Body of Christ," cannot really die because we are participating in something eternal—the Cosmic Christ that came forth from God.

Death is not just physical dying, but going to the full depth of things, hitting the bottom, beyond where you are in control. And in that sense, we all probably go through many deaths in our lifetime. These deaths to the small self are tipping points, opportunities to choose transformation. Unfortunately, the vast majority of people turn bitter and look for someone to blame. So their death is indeed death for them, because they close down to growth and new life.

But if you do choose to walk through the depths—even the depths of your own sin and mistakes—you will come out the other side, knowing you've been taken there by a Source larger than yourself. Surely this is what it means to be saved. Being saved doesn't mean that you are any better than anyone else. It means you've allowed and accepted the mystery of transformation, which is always pure gift.

If we are to speak of miracles, the most miraculous thing of all is that God uses the very thing that would normally destroy you—the tragic, the sorrowful, the painful, the unjust—to transform and enlighten you. Now you are indestructible and there are no absolute dead ends. This is what we mean when we say we are "saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus." This is not a cosmic transaction, but a human transformation to a much higher level of love and consciousness. You have been plucked from the flames of any would-be death to the soul, and you have become a very different kind of human being in this world. Jesus is indeed saving the world.



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## Love In Action

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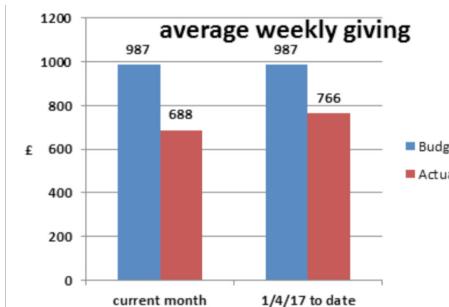
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## Average weekly giving



## IGC Annual Gift Day



## Teaching Schedule

### 2 Corinthians "Light Shining in the Darkness"

In this wonderful book we will discover that our power is in weakness and that winning through weakness is the part of the paradoxical mystery of the Christian life.

1st April	One Died For All 2 Corinthians 5:11-15	Paul Anderson-Walsh
8th April	New Creations 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Paul Anderson-Walsh
15th April	No Obstacles 2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Paul Onifade
22nd April	Temples of the Living God 2 Corinthians 6:14-18	Rian Francis
29th April	Making Room In Our Hearts 2 Corinthians 7:1-14	Graham Mercer