

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** In Christ Alone

### CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you

And against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done

And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Who died for us,

Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve you  
In newness of life

To the glory of your name. Amen.

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### BAPTISM

**NOTICES** (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

**RESPONSE:** Matthew 13:44-46

**SONG:** Jesus, Strong and Kind

**SONG:** Cornerstone

**READING:** Genesis 25:19-34 (pg.19)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen

**SONG:** Come Thou Fount

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

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### Christianity Explored

Wednesdays, 8pm at the King William Building,  
Greenwich, (June – July):

An informal and relaxed course for anyone who would like to go over the foundations of the Christian Faith. Speak to a member of staff or sign up via [greenwich.church/christianityexplored](https://greenwich.church/christianityexplored)

### Cornhill Summer School

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of July, near Elephant & Castle, £160.  
5 days to grow in your understanding of God's word and learn how to communicate it to others. See our newsletter or e-mail [info@greenwich.church](mailto:info@greenwich.church) to find out more.

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*Next Sunday: Genesis 26:1-33*

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# Welcome!

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*“The kingdom of heaven is like  
treasure hidden in a field,  
which a man found and covered up.  
Then in his joy he goes and sells all  
that he has and buys that field.”*

*Matthew 13:44 (ESV)*

## Genesis 25:19-34

<sup>19</sup>These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac,<sup>20</sup> and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.<sup>21</sup> And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. <sup>22</sup>The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to enquire of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples from within you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the older shall serve the younger."

<sup>24</sup>When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. <sup>25</sup>The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. <sup>26</sup>Afterwards his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

<sup>27</sup>When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. <sup>28</sup>Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

<sup>29</sup>Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. <sup>30</sup>And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) <sup>31</sup>Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." <sup>32</sup>Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" <sup>33</sup>Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

What is the most precious thing to you?

### 1) God's promised salvation is humanity's only hope

**The look backward: God alone can do it**

**The look forward: God's grace to the undeserving**

### 2) So dismissing God's promise is all it takes to miss out

Romans 9:10-12 explains how God's decision that "the older will serve the younger" underlines that our salvation is by sheer grace and based on "God's purpose of election." How might this realisation impact our sense of thankfulness and humility?

How might we be in danger of making the same mistake as Esau? What difference does it make knowing that, though Esau regretted his actions, "he found no chance to repent" (Hebrews 12:17)?

Jesus describes how the kingdom of heaven is like finding treasure in a field (Matthew 13:44). Is this your experience? Why or why not?