### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**WELCOME** 

**SONG:** He Will Hold Me Fast

CHILDREN'S TALK

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.

Common Worship,  $\hbox{@}$  The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

**INTERVIEW** 

**SONG:** Saviour of the World

**SONG:** Every Promise

**READING:** Acts 13:13-25 (pg. 921)

**READING:** Acts 13:26-43 (pg. 922)

SERMON PRAYERS

**Q+A:** Text 07520 632 065

**SONG:** In Christ Alone

BLESSING

### **NOTICES**

#### Connect with us

If you're new at Grace Church, we'd love to connect. Sign up to our Newsletter or WhatsApp Group by scanning the QR code or emailing info@greenwich.church



**Grace Groups** – all are welcome as we meet for Bible study, prayer and fellowship:

**Tuesdays, 7.45pm**: Canada Water Library and The Chantry, Mottingham

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich

Other times also available.

### Vision Evening

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7:45pm, Stephen Lawrence Building, Greenwich.

### Weekend Away

Our Spring weekend away will take place at Ashburnham Place from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April. Scan the QR code below to sign up.



### Giving

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Next Sunday, 25th February, Acts 13:42-14:7

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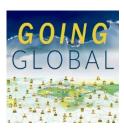
# Welcome!

Sunday 18th February 2024

"Of David's offspring God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised."

Acts 13:23 (ESV)

# Acts 13:26-43



<sup>26</sup> "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. <sup>27</sup> For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read

every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him.<sup>28</sup> And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup> And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup> And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, <sup>33</sup> this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you."

<sup>34</sup> And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way,

"I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David."

<sup>35</sup>Therefore he says also in another psalm,

"You will not let your Holy One see corruption."

<sup>36</sup> For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, <sup>37</sup> but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. <sup>38</sup> Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup> and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. <sup>40</sup> Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

41 "Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you."

<sup>42</sup> As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. <sup>43</sup> And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

### INTRODUCTION:

What do we really need? What does God provide for us?

## God's unstoppable salvation plans have been fulfilled in Jesus

God fulfilled his promises by sending Jesus (v16-25)

God fulfilled his promises through the opposition to Jesus (v26-29)

God fulfilled his promises by raising Jesus (v30-37)

So we can now receive Jesus' salvation (vv38-41)

### **COFFEE QUESTIONS:**

What do we learn about our God in Paul's sermon? His plans? His power? His kindness?

Sometimes we try to fit God into our little dead-end lives rather than being drawn up into His life and His plans. How might this passage help us?

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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