

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Only a Holy God

BAPTISM

SONG: In Christ Alone

CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through negligence, 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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the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES

(Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: O Thou Whose Justice Reigns on
High

READING: 2 Samuel 15:1-12 (pg. 266)

SERMON: 2 Samuel 15:1-17:29 (pg.266-269)

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 103

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: This is Amazing Grace

BLESSING

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



Upcoming Events

1st February, **Parenting Morning**
(older years), King William Building

Greenwich

1st February, **Lunar New Year Lunch**

*For more details and to sign up for those events, scan the
QR code or visit www.greenwich.church/events*



Dates for your Diary

26th February, **Vision Evening**

20th-22nd June, **Weekend Away**

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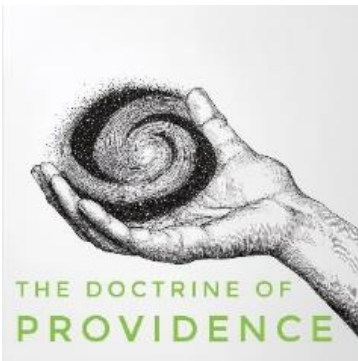
Next Sunday: Genesis 25:19-34



Welcome!

Sunday 26th January 2025

*“The LORD, the LORD,
a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,
keeping steadfast love for thousands,
forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin,
but who will by no means clear the guilty (...)”*
Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)



2 Samuel 15:1 - 17:29

The fallen King, the assassin, and the double-agent

The back story: David forgets his God. He sleeps with another man's wife and has her husband killed (2 Samuel 11). When he confesses, he is spared execution but is warned by God's prophet that "the sword shall never depart from your house" (12:10). Terrible events ensue.

1. Absalom steals the hearts of the people (15:6)
2. Ahithophel, the feared assassin, joins Absalom (15:31)
3. Hushai is enlisted by David as a double agent to infiltrate Absalom's court (15:32-37)
4. We don't know whose side the LORD is on (15:25-26; 16:5-14)

5. Hushai is a hopeless spy (16:15-19)

6. Ahithophel is a masterful assassin by (16:20-23, cf. 12:11-12; 17:1-4)

7. Hushai comes up with a frankly embarrassing plan (17:5-13)

Some reflections on a surprising story...