

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

SONG: He Is Our God

### 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.

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NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 2:2-5

SONG: Saviour of the World

SONG: Jesus Saves

READING: Acts 10:1-29 (pg. 918)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

SONG: Let Your Kingdom Come

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

### Connect with us

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or wanting to be more involved,  
we'd love to hear from you. Scan  
the QR code or email  
[info@greenwich.church](mailto:info@greenwich.church)



### Grace Groups 2023/2024

This year, we will be doing a Bible Overview  
starting in the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesdays, 7.45pm:** Canada Water Library +  
The Chantry, Eltham

**Wednesdays, 7.45pm:** King William Building,  
Greenwich

**Thursdays, 10am:** Women's Daytime Group

For more details, reach out to Michaela:  
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### Autumn Weekend Away

Sign up now for our Weekend  
Away at Ashburnham Place  
with Christopher Ash:  
October 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.



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*Next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, Acts 11:1-18*



# Welcome!

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

***“[Jesus] said to them, ‘Thus it is written,  
that the Christ should suffer  
and on the third day rise from the dead,  
and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins  
should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,  
beginning from Jerusalem.’”***

*Luke 24:46-47 (ESV)*

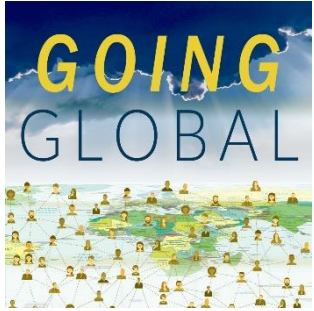
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## Acts 10:1-48 (ESV)



<sup>30</sup> And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing <sup>31</sup> and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. <sup>32</sup> Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ <sup>33</sup> So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now

therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Is our vision too small and parochial?

### 1. God's at work drawing all kinds of people to Himself

### 2. but even the most devout people still need the gospel

Don't disqualify anyone

Do be respectful of someone's journey

### COFFEE QUESTIONS:

1. What difference does it make seeing how God is the one who's at work drawing-in unlikely people to himself?

2. In what contexts do we need to remember not to disqualify people from hearing the gospel? In what ways can we learn to be more sensitive to the journey someone may already be on?