

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: How Great Thou Art

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)

INTERVIEW WITH JAMES DANCER

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 145:1-3

SONG: Grace Alone

SONG: Who You Say I Am

READING: Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 976)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

BLESSING

NOTICES

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If you're new at Grace Church,
or wanting to be more involved,
we'd love to hear from you. Scan
the QR code or email
info@greenwich.church



Summer schedule

No Sunday service in Eltham during August.

Summer Fellowship

Join us from 7.45pm on Wednesdays in August to
learn about the lives of several missionary
pioneers:

16th August – Amy Carmichael

23rd August – John G. Paton

30th August – Elisabeth Elliot

Autumn Weekend Away

Save the dates for our Autumn Weekend Away:
October 13th – 15th.

Giving

Grace Church is funded wholly by the donations
of its members. See www.greenwich.church/give
or set up a bank transfer (40-52-40/00027789)
or to give tax efficiently contact treasurer@greenwich.church



Welcome!

Sunday 13th August 2023

*“In love he predestined us for adoption
as sons through Jesus Christ”*

Ephesians 1:5 (ESV)

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Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

1. Christians really are BLESSED...

'Every'

'Heavenly'

2. ...because we really are LOVED...

Lovingly chosen...for a destiny

Loved before time

3. ...so bless God back

Theological aside:

Is God a megalomaniac?

#blessed → #bless

COFFEE QUESTIONS

1. When are you mostly likely to feel like God is being stingy with his blessings? How does v3 help?
2. How does the doctrine of election (God's choosing) make you want to 'bless' God?