

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

SONG: 10,000 Reasons

CHILDREN'S TALK: Numbers 23:19

### 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: Psalm 12

SONG: Every Promise

SONG: Behold the Power of His Word

READING: Titus 1 (pg. 998)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

Q&A: Text 07520 632 065

SONG: How Firm a Foundation

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

### Connect with us

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](mailto:info@greenwich.church)



### Summer schedule

Grace Groups will take a break during July and August.  
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:

2<sup>nd</sup> August – Andrew Fuller  
9<sup>th</sup> August – Hudson Taylor  
16<sup>th</sup> August – Amy Carmichael  
23<sup>rd</sup> August – John G. Paton  
30<sup>th</sup> August – Elisabeth Elliot

### 2023/24 Planning Survey

Please fill in this short questionnaire to help us plan for next year's services and Grace Groups:



### Giving

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*Next Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Titus 2:1-10*



# Welcome!

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

*“God, who never lies”*

*Titus 1:2 (ESV)*

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# Titus 1 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, <sup>2</sup> in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began <sup>3</sup> and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

<sup>4</sup> To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

<sup>5</sup> This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— <sup>6</sup> if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup> For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup> but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup> He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

<sup>10</sup> For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. <sup>11</sup> They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. <sup>12</sup> One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." <sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, <sup>14</sup> not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth. <sup>15</sup> To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. <sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

How do you transform a moral mess?

## God's plan:

### 1. Knowledge of the Truth which accords with godliness, (v1-4)

Truth	which is hoped in. (v2)
Truth	from the unlying God. (v2)
Truth	which is preached. (v3)

### 2. held firmly by church elders, (v5-9)

Who are:	living	the Truth,
	teaching	the Truth.

### 3. who must rebuke empty talkers. (v10-16)

Who are:	teaching	a lie,
	living	a lie.

Back God's plan for true transformation to godliness.

## COFFEE QUESTIONS

1. What alternative methods for changing people's behaviour have you seen used? Where do they fail?
2. How would our lives change, if we believed God's way of moral transformation was the only way?