

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: How Great Is Our God

CHILDREN'S TALK: Matthew 5:14

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 99:1-5

SONG: Take My Life and Let It Be

SONG: Holy, Holy, Holy

READING: Titus 2:1-10 (pg. 998)

SERMON

PRAYERS

SONG: Only a Holy God

BLESSING

NOTICES

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or wanting to be more involved,
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2023/24 Planning Survey

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



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:

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

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Next Sunday, 30th July, Titus 2:11-14



Welcome!

Sunday 23rd July 2023

*“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

Isaiah 6:3 (ESV)

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Titus 2:1-10 (ESV)

¹ But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine.

² Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.

³ Older women likewise are to be reverent in behaviour, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, ⁴ and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, ⁵ to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

⁶ Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.

⁹ Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

How can we get back to normal humanity after the trauma of sin?

[‘normal humanity’ = conforming to the right norms or standards for humanity, not merely ‘typical’ or ‘expected’]

Answer: Only by grace, through Jesus, by the Spirit — and even then it will only be seen now by learning to be normal again.

On Crete: Appoint elders who can expose false teaching and teach rightly; then, start teaching people normal human life!

2:2 Older men: learn to be normal

2:3–5 Older women: learn to be normal, and how to teach younger women to be normal

(Younger women: learn from them how to be normal)

2:6 Younger men: learn to be normal

2:6–8 Titus: show them how to be normal!

2:9–10 Bondservants: even when the circumstances aren’t normal, learn to be normal

The aim: a community that — in a non-normal world — attractively shows the truth about normal humanity

COFFEE QUESTIONS

1. Do we even *want* to be normal like this? If not, what can we do about it?
2. How can we keep things real and sincere, and not superficial?