

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** All Creatures of Our God and King

### 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)

**SONG:** Saviour of the World

**SONG:** Tell Out My Soul

**READING:** Acts 9:1-19a (pg. 917)

**SERMON:** Acts 9:19b-31 (pg. 917)

### PRAYERS

**Q&A:** Text 07520 632 065

**SONG:** Let Your Kingdom Come

### 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)



### Christianity Explored

Join us for this 7-week course to (re-)discover the basics of the Christian faith. Starting Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. To sign up, speak to a member of the team or email [michaela.may@greenwich.church](mailto:michaela.may@greenwich.church).

### Grace Groups

We'll meet to pray & study the Bible at 7:45pm in the King William Building, Greenwich (Tuesday or Wednesday) and at the Chantry, Mottingham, (Wednesday).

### Summer Weekend Away: 7-9 July

Join us for fun, fellowship and fabulous Bible teaching in Ashburnham Place, Sussex. Our Guest Speaker is Nick Tucker, author of *12 Things God Can't Do*. See: [www.greenwich.church/weekendaway](http://www.greenwich.church/weekendaway)

### Giving

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*Next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, Acts 9:32-43*



## Welcome!

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

*“I will build my church,  
and the gates of hell shall not  
prevail against it.”*

*Matthew 16:18 (ESV)*

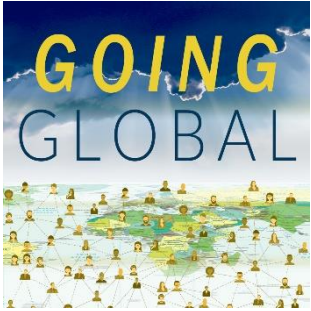
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## Acts 9:19b-31 (ESV)



<sup>19</sup>For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this

purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

<sup>23</sup>When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, <sup>24</sup>but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, <sup>25</sup>but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

<sup>26</sup>And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup>But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup>So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup>And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. <sup>30</sup>And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

<sup>31</sup>So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

“Don’t find yourself on the wrong side of history”

1. Jesus turns a persecutor into a preacher who is willing to suffer for Him

An extraordinary miracle, with explanatory power

Jesus loves to give his people boldness despite opposition

2. ...so we can trust that His plans are unstoppable

### COFFEE QUESTION:

1. Do you ever feel discouraged that Christianity seems weak? What difference does it make to know that Jesus’ plans are unstoppable?
2. Why do you think Jesus loves to give his people boldness to keep speaking of Him despite opposition (rather than removing the opposition)? How does understanding this help us?
3. “The most plausible explanation for how the Jesus-movement rose from the dead is because Jesus rose from the dead.” How might you explain this point to someone who struggles to believe in Jesus’ resurrection?