#### ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

**SONG:** Cornerstone

**CHILDREN'S TALK:** Ephesians 3:5

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;

To the glory of your name. Amen.

And grant that we may serve you

Common Worship,  $\hbox{@}$  The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, 2000-2006

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

#### **RESPONSIVE READING:**

The Nicene Creed

In newness of life

**SONG:** The Church's One Foundation

**READING:** Acts 9:32-43 (pg. 928)

**SERMON** 

**PRAYERS** 

**SONG:** Behold the Lamb

**COMMUNION** 

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



#### **Christianity Explored**

Join us for this 7-week course to (re-)discover the basics of the Christian faith. Tuesdays, 7.45pm at the King William Building, Greenwich. Speak to a member of the team or email info@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

#### Giving

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Next Sunday, 11th June, Joshua 10:1-28

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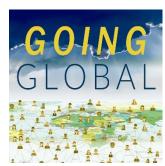
### Welcome!

Sunday 4th June 2023

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself."

Ephesians 2:20 (NLT)

## Acts 9:32-43 (ESV)



<sup>32</sup> Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. <sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. <sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he

rose. <sup>35</sup> And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 37 In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

How much does being part of the (right) church matter?

[Recap of the role of the Apostles...Luke 6:13; 22:30; Acts 1:12-26; 2:42-43; 5:12; 8:14-17]

1. Jesus authenticates Peter as His true apostle

the miracles were: by **Jesus'** power following **Jesus'** example demonstrating **Jesus'** salvation building **Jesus'** kingdom

2. So that we can have confidence in the "one holy, catholic, and apostolic church"

#### COFFEE QUESTIONS:

- 1. How significant is church in your view of the Christian life? What about the apostles' teaching (in the Bible)?
- 2. How could you help someone who had a low view of these things understand why they matter so much?