ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

SONG: Rescuer

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.

Common Worship, @ The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England,

NOTICES (Children go to Sunday School and Crèche)

SONG: Saviour Of The World

SONG: Speak O Lord

RESPONSIVE READING: Romans 10:13-15

(pg. 946)

READING: Acts 12:25-13:12 (pg. 921)

SERMON PRAYERS

SONG: When I was Lost

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



Grace Groups – join our mid-week small groups:

Tuesdays, 7.45pm: Canada Water Library + The Chantry, Mottingham

Wednesdays, 7.45pm: King William Building, Greenwich

Other times also available. Contact Michaela: michaela.may@greenwich.church

Serving

There are many ways to get involved at Grace Church. We have about 20-30 volunteers helping at each service in many different roles and it's a great



way to get stuck in! Scan the QR code to sign up.

Weekend Away next week!

There will be no Sunday services on October 15th, as most of the church family will be at our weekend away.

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

Next Sunday, 15th October, Autumn Weekend Away

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Welcome!

Sunday 8th October 2023

"The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10 (ESV)

Acts 12:25-13:12 (ESV)



²⁵ And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

13 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend

of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

What are the marks of a healthy church?

1. The Lord launches his church into mission

They were dependent

They were sacrificial

They were deliberate

2. And His Word overcomes any opposition

COFFEE QUESTIONS:

- 1. John Stott states: "We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God." What might it look like in our context to be global Christians?
- 2. How does the power-encounter in Acts 13 help you to have confidence that God's word is powerful? What might it look like if we believed this more deeply?