

## PLEASE NOTE...

**1. Newcomers:** please stay around after the service for tea and cake (on the ground floor) so we can welcome you properly. It would help if you could take a moment to fill in one of the Welcome Cards so we can keep in touch.

**2. Grace Groups begin 18<sup>th</sup> September:** we meet every Wednesday downstairs in this building from 7.45 – 9.15pm (pizza from 7.30pm). We encourage those new to the church to join a year-long study of Mark's gospel, while others of us will look at the Sermon on the Mount and the book of Hebrews. We also spend time in prayer for one another. Please fill in a Welcome Card, even if you're a regular, so we have your details up to date.

**3. Christianity Explored:** a DVD-based course that we run for sceptics, enquirers or anyone wanting to go over the foundations of Christianity. There is plenty of opportunity to ask questions, or just to listen if you prefer. It usually runs for seven Wednesday evenings but why not just come once to see if it is for you? Contact [explore@greenwich.church](mailto:explore@greenwich.church)

**4. Autumn Weekend Away 11-13<sup>th</sup> October :** we hope you can join us at Ashburnham Place, near Battle, East Sussex for our next church weekend away. We welcome Jamie Child from Crossway Stratford, as our main speaker. As usual we will have a full children's program. Bookings open next week.

**5. Student Pizza Night:** all students are welcome at 4 Feathers Place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September for pizza, prayer and Freshers' Week planning. Regulars will understand that this involves re-sleeving hundreds of tins of Heinz beans...

**6. Identity: Do we really decide who we are?** The first in our monthly "Big Questions" series. Andrew Sach will give a short talk followed by Q&A. This year there is also live jazz! Please invite friends and neighbours. 7 - 8 pm, upstairs at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL.

**7. Giving:** Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please contact [treasurer@greenwich.church](mailto:treasurer@greenwich.church) (40-52-40/00027789)

### 8. Looking further ahead:

- 24<sup>th</sup> October, Pub Quiz (with gospel talk)

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

## Welcome!

Andrew Latimer is leading  
Andrew Sach will be preaching

### "Why God must punish sin"

*"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer  
and on the third day rise from the dead,  
and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins  
should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,  
beginning from Jerusalem."  
Luke 24:46-47*

**SONG:** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

### CHILDREN'S TALK

### COMMISSIONING OF JULIA SNODGRASS

**NOTICES** (children leave for Sunday school & crèche)

**SONG:** You're the Word of God the Father

### SERMON

**SONG:** Depth of mercy

### CONFESSION

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all people,  
we acknowledge and lament our many sins  
and the wickedness we have committed time after time,  
by thought, word and deed against your divine majesty.  
We have provoked your righteous anger  
and your indignation against us.  
We earnestly repent,  
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdoings;  
the memory of them weighs us down,  
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that from this time forward  
we may always serve and please you in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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**SONG:** What grace is mine

### LORD'S SUPPER

### PRAYERS

**SONG:** In Christ alone

### BLESSING

Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Philippians 4:10-23  
Radical Contentment

# **“Why God must punish sin”**

2 Kings 17:6-41

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**How could a God of love send Israel into exile?**

(The equivalent of “How could a God of love send people to hell?”)

**1) God is vindicated in judgment because evil was done**

**2) God is vindicated in judgment because idolatry robbed him of his rightful glory**

“You shall have no other God’s before me”  
(Exodus 20:3)

**3) God is vindicated in judgment because warnings were ignored**

**4) God is vindicated in judgment because others were affected**

**5) God is vindicated in surprising grace**

Ezekiel 33:15-23

John 4:39-42

“how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3)

## **COFFEE QUESTIONS**

**Do you believe in God’s judgment? Do you think it’s fair? What would you say to someone who objected to it?**